

## Talks begin on U.S. funds for Israeli aid

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
WASHINGTON — The director-general of the Israel Foreign Ministry, David Kimche, yesterday opened talks with senior Reagan administration officials on possible U.S. financing of Israeli economic assistance projects in the Third World.

## Shamir blasts France for its ties with PLO

Post Diplomatic Correspondent  
Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir yesterday harshly criticized France for maintaining diplomatic ties with the PLO.

Addressing a visiting group of French parliamentarians, the premier spoke warmly of President Francois Mitterrand, but said it was especially strange that he should steer French policy towards diplomatic support and political succor for the PLO.

"This organization is dedicated to our destruction," Shamir declared. "Apart from this reservation, Shamir said Israel's relations with France were 'not bad.'"

## Checking accounts may get interest

By AVI TEMKIN  
Post Economic Reporter  
The heads of the commercial banks and senior Bank of Israel officials met late last night to discuss the possibility of paying interest on credit balances in shekel checking accounts.

Until now the banks have said they will not take this step unless it is guaranteed what they consider suitable profitability.

After a meeting earlier yesterday of the Bank of Israel advisory board, the only statement issued said: "Measures will be taken to improve the profitability of the commercial

Berman said Israeli expertise would be welcomed in such countries as Liberia, Kenya, Bolivia and Sri Lanka.

He told *The Jerusalem Post* that Israel has received economic aid requests totalling more than \$100 m. From African countries alone, including several which do not even maintain formal diplomatic ties with Israel.

The congressman stressed that his proposed fund would be strictly for economic aid projects, and not for any covert military assistance to anti-Sandinista rebels in Nicaragua.

Israeli officials yesterday said Kimche was pleased by the first round of talks at the State Department. U.S. officials are said to be receptive to the Israeli proposal and the Berman bill.

Among those with whom Kimche met were outgoing Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Lawrence Eagleburger, his successor, Michael Armacost, Agency for International Development (AID) director Peter McPherson and Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern and

## Slight earth tremor felt in Lower Galilee

TIBERIAS (Itim). — A light earth tremor was felt in Tiberias, Carmiel and other parts of lower Galilee at about 5 p.m. yesterday. The epicentre was in the Beit Netofa valley, about 12 kilometres north of Nazareth, the Energy Ministry's seismological division announced yesterday.



President Chaim Herzog speaks at Tel Aviv's 75th anniversary celebration last night, while Mayor Shlomo Lahat and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir look on. (Sammy Schwartz, IPPA)

## Tel Aviv, 75, has itself a birthday

By ROY ISACOWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv, the first all-Jewish city of modern times, celebrated its 75th anniversary last night to toasts and blessings from the country's leaders.

In a short ceremony in the square facing the Tel Aviv Historical Museum in Rehov Bialik, Tel Aviv gracefully accepted the compliments of President Chaim Herzog, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Mayor Shlomo Lahat. On hand were cabinet ministers, Knesset members, members of the city council, veteran Tel Aviv residents and invited guests.

The consensus of the speakers was

that Tel Aviv might run second to Jerusalem in historical importance, but it is second to none in its contribution to the realization of the Zionist ideal.

Shamir praised the city as the "centre of the struggle against foreign rule," the symbol of the fight for Israel.

Herzog described it as the irreplaceable base without which the pioneers would not have been able to build the country. Lahat called Tel Aviv "the living symbol of Zionism."

All the speakers agreed that while Jerusalem is the spiritual centre of Israel, Tel Aviv is its heart and pulse. "There is only one Tel Aviv," Her-

zog said. It was in Tel Aviv that David Ben-Gurion proclaimed the establishment of the state and it was there that the first Knesset was convened. It is the home of the national orchestra, the national theatre and the national bourse.

The only political note was sounded by Shamir, who said that precisely in Tel Aviv it is necessary to tell the world that Jerusalem is Israel's capital.

The ceremony included poetry readings by poet Haim Hefer and Rachel Marcus, widow of poet Nathan Alterman, who read pieces from her late husband's works. The Tel Aviv Scouts Choir sang two songs.

## Reagan arrives in Peking

PEKING. — President Ronald Reagan was welcomed to Peking yesterday with a rare 21-gun salute and said the future of Sino-American relations is bright despite differences between the two countries.

"There are differences between us that should not be glossed over nor denied," Reagan said in his toast at a banquet given by President Li Xiang-nian in his honour at the Great Hall of the People.

But, Reagan said, "What we can accomplish and build together is vastly more significant than those things that separate us."

Li, who accepted an invitation from Reagan to visit the U.S., made only a brief, indirect reference to one of the main sticking points in U.S.-Chinese relations — Washington's ties with Taiwan.

"The peace-loving Chinese people... eagerly long for the reunification of their motherland and are working hard for a better future," said Li.

(Photo, page 4) (AP, Reuters)

## 130 held after 2nd Galilee fray

NAZARETH (Itim). — The police used tear gas yesterday to break up a brawl in the village of Manda near here and arrested 130 persons. In what was the second consecutive day of fighting among three clans, villagers broke into stores, smashed house windows and set a home on fire. Firemen put out the blaze.

The brawlers fought with sticks and stones, but no one was hurt. Thirty persons are still in hospital following Wednesday's clash.

The fighting, rooted in political tensions that began during the last municipal elections, is apparently connected with the coming Knesset elections.

## Karameh will try to form new Lebanese gov't

Post Mideast Affairs Reporter and agencies

Syria yesterday consolidated its political hold on Lebanon when President Amin Jemayel appointed the strongly pro-Syrian Rashid Karameh to form a government of national unity.

Karameh, 62, a Sunni Moslem, has served as Lebanese minister on nine previous occasions, the last on the eve of the 1975-76 Lebanese civil war. Last night he was reported to be preparing a cabinet made up equally of Christians and Moslems.

Druse leader Walid Jumblatt and the leaders of the other main factions will serve as ministers without portfolio.

Jemayel is a Maronite Catholic. Speaking to newsmen in Beirut shortly after his appointment was announced yesterday morning, Karameh pledged that withdrawal of Israeli forces from South Lebanon, as well as wide-ranging political and constitutional reforms, would be among the top priorities of his new cabinet.

Karameh appealed to all warring factions to lay down arms and "begin the reconstruction of the new Lebanon, the Lebanon of justice and equality."

He told reporters he expected to present the cabinet line-up to Jemayel this weekend.

The cabinet change comes as part of a Syrian-backed drive by Jemayel to resolve the Lebanese crisis by dividing power equally between Moslems and Christians.

Karameh, a lawyer by profession, spoke after a two-hour meeting with Jemayel — their second in 24 hours — at the presidential palace in Ba'abda, eight kilometres east of Beirut.

A terse palace statement announced Karameh's designation shortly before he emerged from the meeting to return by army helicopter to West Beirut.

He then made traditional calls on half a dozen former prime ministers, and said he had asked Shi'ite Parliament Speaker Kamel Assad to arrange meetings for him with various Parliament block leaders today and tomorrow.

"I hope to be able then to present the cabinet line-up to the president," said Karameh, who at 34 became the youngest premier in post-independence Lebanon in 1955. His last tenure in office ended with Syria's military intervention in 1976 to smother the 19-month first round of the civil war.

Pierre Jemayel, founder and leader of the Christian Phalange party, and the president's father, yesterday declared support for Karameh's premiership and said he would be willing to join the new cabinet.

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## Katyushas aimed at Israel found in South Lebanon

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
METULLA. — Israel Defence Forces units on Sunday found three Katyusha rockets in Southern Lebanon ready to be fired toward Israel. The rockets, discovered by a patrol before dawn, were dismantled.

Recently a number of Katyushas have been discovered in Southern Lebanon aimed either at Israel or at IDF installations in Lebanon.

Two Lebanese residents were killed by IDF fire yesterday in Nabatiya, after a grenade was thrown at an IDF unit. No Israeli soldiers were

hurt. The two Lebanese were killed when the soldiers fired in the direction from which the grenade was thrown.

There were disturbances in two Western Lebanese villages yesterday. In Yanuah, villagers surrounded IDF soldiers carrying out a search and began throwing stones at their two vehicles. The soldiers fired into the air and drove the villagers off. Unifil troops entered the village and calmed the inhabitants.

In nearby Maraka, residents demonstrated noisily in sympathy for the Yanuah villagers, but dispersed on their own.

## Bomb dismantled in Jerusalem

A large explosive charge was dismantled in Jerusalem yesterday by police sappers before it did any damage.

A police spokesman said a police superintendent, Ya'acov Amar, who was passing by on his way to work, noticed a suspicious parcel on the roadside in the Givat Shaul industrial zone on the western ap-

proaches to the city. Bomb disposal experts defused and dismantled what police described as a "large explosive charge" attached to a timing device.

## Big settlement planned for Hebron

By DAVID RICHARDSON  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
A recently-completed master plan for Jewish settlement in Hebron drawn up by the settlers themselves envisages a Jewish community of some 3,000 people within seven years and extensive construction and renovation on over 70 dunams of partly Jewish-owned property in five separate areas of the predominantly Moslem city. Longer-term goals call for the purchase and requisitioning of Arab-owned property to link the

Jewish quarters in Hebron in a "territorial continuum" to Kiryat Arba, the Israeli suburb on the eastern outskirts of the city several kilometres away.

The 18-page document drawn up by the "Committee for the Renewal of Jewish Settlement in the City of the Patriarchs" has not yet been submitted for formal approval, although it assumes massive involvement by the Housing Ministry, the local military authorities and the currently Israeli-controlled Hebron Municipality. It does not include one budgetary estimate, devoting only its last 19 lines to the question of finance.

Only the final and so far unspecified stages of implementation are to be funded by private investors. All of the rest of the infrastructure, construction and redevelopment is to come from the public kitty — primarily the Housing Ministry which has to date provided the bulk of the funding for the 20-odd families

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**THE WEATHER**

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Jerusalem	34	3-18	12
Golan	—	10-16	12
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Safed	59	5-16	18
Haifa Port	59	13-20	18
Tiberias	52	9-23	18
Nazareth	55	8-20	12
Afula	50	7-22	12
Shimon	40	6-19	12
Tel Aviv	47	10-21	12
B-G Airport	43	8-23	12
Jericho	27	9-27	28
Gaza	48	10-21	12
Beersheba	16	7-24	12
Elat	13	14-29	31

**SOCIAL & PERSONAL**

Dr. Meir Heth, chairman of the Stock Exchange, will be guest speaker at the luncheon meeting of the Haifa Maritime and Economics Club, Zion Hotel, at 1 p.m. today. Table reservations: 04-84655.

Professor Dov From, director of Rambam Hospital's nuclear medicine institute, will be the guest speaker of the Haifa Engineers Club at 1 p.m. today. Table reservations by phone, 674583.

The Council of Administration of the Jewish Colonization Association (JCA) will convene in Israel in the week of April 29-May 6. The president of the association, The Hon. L.H.L. Cohen, and council members from the U.S., U.K., France, Belgium and Israel will visit settlements and institutions assisted by JCA. The members attending the convention are: The Hon. L.H.L. Cohen, president, Mr. Jules Braunschwig, vice-president (France), Dr. Eliahu Elath, vice-president (Israel), Dr. Maurice B. Hexter (U.S.), Mr. L.B.L. Prince C.B.E. (U.K.), Adv. Gideon Hausner (Israel), Mr. Walter Eytan (Israel), Mr. Andre Wormser (France), Mr. Yechiel Admoni (Israel), Mr. A. Philippon (Belgium), Mr. C.D. Rappaport, director-general (U.K.).

**HOME NEWS**

**Moda'i talks to Herut on Gahal pact**

By SARAH HONIG  
Post Political Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — One of Yitzhak Moda'i's first moves after his election to head the Liberal Party list in the coming elections was to initiate contacts with Herut leaders over the 1965 Gahal agreement that regulates the ratio of Knesset members between the two parties.

Moda'i also telephoned Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and former Prime Minister Menachem Begin. Both congratulated him on his victory, but Shamir is also reported to have spoken with Moda'i about the Gahal agreement.

Reports on the Liberal-Herut contacts vary. The Moda'i side claims to have received firm promises from Herut that all moves to amend the troublesome agreement would be postponed till after May 9, by when Herut will have chosen its list of Knesset candidates.

But reliable Herut sources said that while their party has nothing against a few days' delay, the Liberals' main demand is that revision of the Gahal agreement be discussed only after the July 23 elections.

Herut sources said Moda'i warned them that if his party is "pushed beyond the limit, it will break away from Herut and run on its own."

Some Herut sources say this is not a



bad idea, since they believe the overwhelming majority of Likud votes come from Herut supporters.

The Herut sources added that they demanded in yesterday's conversations with Moda'i that talks on the Gahal agreement start within 24 hours.

Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat, a Liberal Party member, labelled the party's central committee "an aggregation of 250 rogues" with no contact with the public.

Lahat said the Liberal Party should run separately from Herut, even if it risks winning no more than three seats. "It is time the Liberals stop living off Herut votes," he said. Herut is right in demanding to cut down the Liberal representation on the Likud list.

**Savivor burns his bridges**

Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor and MK Dror Zeigerman, the two big losers in the Liberal central committee election of Knesset candidates Wednesday, are heading in different political directions, according to their statements yesterday morning.

Savidor, who received only three

per cent of the vote in his bid for the Liberal leadership, announced yesterday that he has been considering "two separate offers to run on lists other than the Likud's," while Zeigerman said that sorry as he is over his expulsion from the Liberal list, he will not leave the party.

Savidor described himself as the "victim of a contract put out against me by the entire party." He accused his party of taking revenge on him for his conduct of the Knesset session that decided on early elections, and said that he was "not leaving the Liberal Party. It has left me."

Savidor also accused Zeigerman and MK Dan Tichon of betraying him and supporting Moda'i despite their different political outlooks.

Zeigerman reacted sharply to Savidor's recriminations. We (Zeigerman, Savidor, Tichon and Yitzhak Berman) set up a faction with the idea of turning it into a base for a new Liberal Party. It was Savidor who wrecked the whole enterprise. Tichon and I never betrayed Savidor. We tried to dissuade him from running for the leadership, but he wouldn't pay attention to our warnings."

**No rotation in Aguda; NRP talks continue**

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Rebbe of Gur failed yesterday to persuade his colleagues on Agudat Yisrael's Council of Sages to vote for rotation in the party's Knesset representation.

The rabbi's motion reportedly received a tie vote, and he left the session saying, "I can't take it any more; I'll go it alone."

The rotation plan is aimed at Shlomo Lorincz, who has served since the Second Knesset, and Menachem Porush, who has served since the

Fourth Knesset.

Two members of the Council of Sages, the Rebbe of Belz and the Rebbe of Eriau, said they would vote for rotation only if it were applied to all four of the present Aguda Knesset factions. (This means it would encompass Avraham Shapira and Shmuel Halpert, both of whom have served only in the present Knesset.)

**Druckman won't run**

The National Religious Party's Committee of Seven held another

inconclusive session yesterday and set another meeting for Sunday.

One proposal that was adopted by the committee yesterday is that the second slot on the NRP list (between Dr. Yosef Burg and Ze'evulun Hammer) go to a Sephardi of Matzad, the movement of Rabbi Haim Druckman.

On the list proposed by Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira, Druckman was slated for the No. 2 spot but it now appears that he will not run for re-election.

**Labour says 'No' to Eliav, Ben-Porat**

By SARAH HONIG  
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party has informed MK Mordechai Ben-Porat of the defeat of his motion to elect Eliav, Labour's one-time secretary-general and more recently Sheli's leader, that it has no room for them on its list.

Moves had been underway to make Ben-Porat a faction in the Alignment. Labour felt it owed a debt to Ben-Porat, who was tipped to be the next prime minister in the event of an early election.

But in recent talks with Ben-Porat, Labour leaders said there is nothing they can do, as the Labour list is already "too crowded."

Labour sources, however, told The Jerusalem Post that if the Alignment forms the next government,

Ben-Porat can expect a cabinet appointment, even if he is not elected to the Knesset.

Ben-Porat will seek to enter the Knesset on his own independent list. Eliav met with Labour chairman Shimon Peres yesterday and was told about his rejection. But Peres strove to dissuade Eliav from running on his own as he made clear he plans to do so. Peres told Eliav he would not get enough votes to make it into the Knesset, and if he did not run, he would be co-opted to Labour's central committee and political bureau.

If the Alignment forms the next government, Peres said, Eliav could count on an "important job."

But Eliav is resolved to run on his own.

Another prominent dove, author Amos Oz, has announced that he will not run on the Alignment list.

**Biton says Black Panthers will stay in DFPE**

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Black Panthers are remaining in the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality (DFPE), dominated by the Communist Rakah party, despite rumours to the contrary. Knesset Member Charlie Biton said at a news conference here yesterday.

"Ezer Weizman and others who visited our tent at the Mimouna tried to convince us to join them," Biton said, "but we are in Hadash because we accept its ideology, and we are not for sale."

Biton read a letter he had received from Yehoshua Peretz, militant former leader of the Ashdod port work-

ers, who said he has decided to support the Black Panthers, and hence the DFPE.

Zvi Rimon, spokesman for Ezer Weizman's Yahad movement, said yesterday that Biton's statement that Weizman had asked him to join Yahad was "a dirty lie." Rimon added: "If Biton feels frustrated in his party, let him ask for comfort in Moscow."

**Cohen to stay in Tehiya**

Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Knesset Member Geula Cohen will not leave the Tehiya Party, according to well-placed Tehiya sources.

Although her placement on the Tehiya's Knesset list had not been formalized, Tehiya insiders report she has received firm guarantees that she will be given the third slot, which is said to satisfy her. Cohen was edged out of the party's second slot by former chief of staff Rafael Eitan. The first slot goes to Tehiya leader Yuval Ne'eman.

The third slot is not regarded as "safe."

**Investigator tells court:**

**'Avrushmi admitted buying grenade'**

By ROBERT ROSENBERG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Within half an hour of his arrest, Yona Avrushmi confessed to buying a hand grenade of the type used to kill Emil Grunzweig, the deputy chief of the team investigating Grunzweig's February 1983 slaying testified yesterday in Avrushmi's trial for murder in the Jerusalem District Court.

The witness, Rafi Peled, told the court: "Yona's immediate confession surprised us." He said that in his experience, "an immediate confession usually means that the criminal is hiding an even bigger crime."

Possession of a stolen grenade is punishable by up to seven years in prison, Peled noted.

Testifying for two and a half hours, often under scathing cross-examination from defence attorney Itamar Cohen, Peled described the intelligence network that eventually led to Avrushmi's arrest.

Peled said the lynchpin in that network was state's witness Amos Shengloff, who has already testified in the case. Shengloff became a police informer in June 1983, and in September his cover was blown. But he still maintained contact through his runner, Samal (Sgt.) Uzi Ovadia.

In January 1984, 11 months after the grenade was thrown, Shengloff told Ovadia about grenades he bought from "Dudu" Shemtov. He said he sold a grenade to Yona Avrushmi, who paid him for it the

night the grenade was thrown at the Peace Now rally.

Shengloff's credibility has been questioned by the defence since the start of the trial. But Peled and Ovadia, who also testified yesterday, independently described him as a trustworthy informer — "to the extent that is possible among people like him."

The defence asked Peled why Shengloff waited 11 months before providing information about the Grunzweig slaying, even though the police asked him about grenades already in June 1983.

Peled replied, "That's another story."

Shengloff's information set in motion a series of intelligence operations that within three days, on January 14, led to Avrushmi's arrest.

"We decided," said Peled, "that first we'd arrest Dudu Shemtov." The police believed what Shengloff told Ovadia, that Shemtov was "in a panic, afraid, and cowardly and was ready to spill his guts, to tell all."

"We picked up Dudu and within 24 hours had enough to go after Yona," explained Peled.

That Shabbat, Ovadia found Yona in Jerusalem's German Colony, sitting on pedestrian railings in Rehov Emek Refaim, near his home.

Peled described in detail how they approached Avrushmi.

"We spent about half an hour discussing all sorts of things. Zionism, Peace Now, the left, the right,

the General Security Services and how it protects state security. And then we got to the subject of the grenade."

"At this point we still did not know factually anything about Avrushmi's throwing the grenade."

"We asked Yona about the grenade and he immediately confessed to having it," said Peled.

"And he told us that he had hid it, not far from where we were, in the empty field near the Talbiya Hansen's hospital. So the three of us went there," Peled said.

"But already on the way there, strange things began happening. Yona started giving us excuses, even before we got there, for why we shouldn't expect to find the grenade. 'Kids go through there, there's construction work going on, it's an open place,' he said. But we went anyway."

"Now, you must understand," said Peled, turning to Judges Eliahu Noam, Zvi Tal and Ya'acov Bazzak, "that this abandoned area is full of old boilers, warrens, caves, tunnels, old hiding places. Piles of old boilers, warrens, caves, tunnels, trees. Many criminals use it to hide things."

"But Yona took us directly to the last place any reasonable person would hide anything."

"He took us to the single dirt path leading through the area, pointed to a plot of trampled down earth right on the path and said 'Here, I put it here under a pile of rocks.' Of course, there was no grenade there."

The trial continues next week.

**Haifa U. lecturer detained for 24 hours**

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Haifa University senior lecturer Dr. Sami Mari was arrested after midnight Tuesday at his home and released 24 hours later after Citizens Rights Movement leader, Knesset member Shulamit Aloni, intervened.

It is believed the arrest followed a statement he made at a Jewish-Arab meeting concerning Arab education in Israel.

Mari, who works in the university's school of education, said yesterday in response to reporters' questions that his feelings on the incident were still "very ambivalent." When he had fully digested the matter he might have more to say.

He said the questioning had con-

tinued throughout his arrest, with several intervals. It centred on his educational and research work on the cultural identity of the Arabs of Palestine.

His questioners also asked about people he had met abroad half a year ago, but the main thrust of the investigation had been on his scientific work.

Last week, he attended a meeting of the Jewish-Arab Peace Council in Kibbutz Shefayim to discuss educational matters. Aloni also attended.

He told the meeting that the only education in Israel is Jewish education and that the curriculum for Arab pupils is also based on the consideration of "what's good for the Jews." This statement was published in the press, and Aloni yesterday linked it with the arrest.

She said that while the authorities might have a legitimate curiosity to find out what Israeli might be doing abroad, they should ask these Israelis to come and answer questions, and not arrest them at their homes after midnight.

Aloni considered such action undignified, and especially unfitting for Jews. When she heard about Mari's arrest, she immediately contacted the authorities and let them understand that Mari was neither a political person nor a member of any party, but someone who worked with the Education and Culture Ministry and should be released.

She believed the intention had been to rap him across his knuckles after his statement at the Shefayim meeting. She agreed with his diagnosis of the curriculum, she said.

**Sanctions shut Interior Ministry**

By AARON SITTNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Interior Ministry's national staff committee is to meet this afternoon to decide whether to continue a work action at ministry offices throughout the country on Sunday. Yesterday all the ministry's offices were closed to the public as the workers pressed their demands for wage bonuses.

As a result, passports, identity cards, visas, birth certificates and other personal documents were not issued, though employees came to work as usual. At ministry headquarters in Jerusalem, workers refused to answer phones or process incoming and outgoing mail. They

also cancelled all appointments.

Though ministry offices do not serve the public on Fridays, they will open today to allow citizens to examine the Voters Register and lodge appeals if they believe they are eligible to vote but have been left out of the register.

The ministry's 700 workers contend that the Civil Service Commission has not kept its promise of last December to grant them parity in job-title grades and benefits with workers in other government ministries.

**CLARIFICATION**

A sentence in our editorial yesterday on Israel's sales could have been interpreted — mistakenly — as having been attributed to the Foreign Ministry spokesman. The sentence said: "The Foreign Ministry spokesman tacitly admitted that, if Israel had been selling arms to the Nicaraguan rebels, this would have justifiably been seen as a morally and politically contemptible act." This did not derive from the spokesman, but rather was an editorial interpretation of the ministry's official statement on this issue.

**Sunday Morning — Siren of Silence**  
On Sunday, April 29, at 8.00 a.m., there will be a siren blast of two minutes, to mark Heroes and Martyrs Remembrance Day. In the event of an emergency the sirens will sound a rising and falling note.

**A MEMORIAL MEETING FOR RECHA FREIER**  
will take place, 30 days after her passing, at the Van Leer Institute in Jerusalem on May 2, 1984, at 4.30 p.m., at the initiative of Youth Aliya — Jewish Agency, Ministry of Education and Culture, Mifal le Hachsharat Yaldei Israel and Testimonium.  
At 3.15 p.m., on the same day there will be a reunion at her gravesite on Har Hamenuhot. A bus will leave the Jewish Agency courtyard at 2.45 p.m. for Har Hamenuhot, and convey the participants to the Van Leer Institute at the end of the reunion.

**A memorial service and unveiling of the gravestone of our beloved SIDNEY EDWARDS**  
will be held on Thursday May 3, at the Holon Cemetery. We shall meet at 3 p.m. at the main entrance gate. Memorial service and unveiling of an eternal light at Ramat Efal Synagogue, Motza'ei Shabbat, May 5. Havdala and Kiddush at 6.45 p.m.  
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Our beloved husband, father and grandfather  
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The funeral will take place today, Friday, April 27, 1984 at 11.00 a.m. at the Kfar Samir Cemetery, Haifa.  
A bus will leave at 10.30 a.m. from Hillel Lodge, 2 Wedgwood Avenue, Mt. Carmel, and will stop at 10.45 a.m. at Beit Avot B'nai Brith, 20 Horev St., Ahuzat, Haifa.  
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went to his eternal rest on April 19, 1984.  
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## NEWS ANALYSIS/Sarah Honig

## Liberals did Herut hatchet job

TEL AVIV — One obvious result of Wednesday's vote for the Liberal Party's slate of Knesset candidates is that the Liberals themselves did what Herut has been itching to do for a long time — they weeded out some of their party's "problem" Knesset members. With Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor and Dror Zeigerman out of the running, after Yitzhak Berman had removed himself from the fray even earlier, the party is rid of its leading "troublemakers" of the past few years.

Herut's demands for an amendment to the 1965 Gahal agreement, which determined the ratio of Herut-Liberal Knesset candidates on the Likud list, are thought to have arisen largely from anxiety that the trio would again receive safe Liberal slots or that the slots would be filled with people similarly unpredictable. Herut was intent on keeping those both disloyal and unreliable from getting into the Knesset again with votes cast by its supporters.

The feeling in the Liberal Party is that the Liberals, fearing the Herut whip, and in some cases even more than welcoming Herut pressure, did their own housecleaning to preempt more drastic Herut steps, which might cut the Liberals' Knesset representation closer to what is regarded as its natural diminutive size.

Herut, it is said in the Liberal Party, achieved its long-sought veto over whom the Liberals would take onto the Likud list. The Liberals surprised themselves by the "responsible" list produced. None

of the old MKs on the new slate is a notable trouble-maker. The only unknown quantity among the new ones, former Energy Ministry director-general Uriel Linn, is seen in some quarters as a possible dove in the Berman manner.

But the punishment meted out to the Savidor-Zeigerman-Berman trio is regarded in the Liberal Party as a deterrent to any potential troublemakers. The expelled trio threatened not too long ago to bolt the party and create their own version of a Liberal Party.

Apart from Linn, the other Liberal additions to the list are all familiar. The workers' faction leader, Naftali Nitz, is religiously observant and considered dependable. Moshe Maron was in the Ninth Knesset and stirred no controversy. Moshe Ron, the mayoral candidate from Holon, is not regarded as a risk, and Yedidiah Be'eri, another former MK, is considered more Herutnik than many Herut members, and is probably one of the most hawkish of Liberals.

Another man crossed off the Liberal list is MK Zvi Renner, also of the workers' faction, but his removal cannot have any political implications. The fault is thought to be entirely his: an unimpressive, inactive Knesset record.

The Liberals, it is expected now, will be able to put up a slightly bolder front against Herut demands to amend the Gahal agreement. Led now by Yitzhak Moda'i, who is not amenable to compromise, they can also claim to have imposed some discipline on their unruly party.

Not only were the mavericks

punished, but the well-behaved MKs were rewarded. Thus, Yitzhak Szygier and Ariel Weinstein, who were at the very bottom of the Liberal list in 1981, have been thrust forward to sixth and seventh slots, respectively. The only member of the never-born revised Liberal Party to remain on the Liberal list is Dan Tichon. Though he was a close associate of Zeigerman's and though his utterances did not always please the Likud leadership, he was more careful than the others. He always voted with the Likud in the Knesset. The only trouble he ever caused was verbal. He, too, was rewarded for his loyalty, by being given 10th place.

Savidor was perhaps the one with most to regret yesterday. Had he decided in favour of a secret ballot in the Knesset's vote on early elections, he might not have increased the party's ire against him and even postponed both the Knesset elections and his downfall. But Savidor is described by many in the party as oblivious of his situation. He described himself a few days ago as "the only Liberal with stature equal to that of the head of the entire Likud" and refused to heed all the advice that he not seek the party leadership.

Zeigerman caught on, but a bit too late. He tried to make amends by rushing back from Argentina to vote with the coalition against early elections, but this did him little good in his party. The only satisfaction he could express yesterday was to tell detractors that he had not been promised a political pay-off to vote with the coalition.

## Health Ministry to probe maternity deaths in '83

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A committee appointed by the Health Ministry and headed by a leading obstetrician is to investigate the deaths of more than a score of women during or shortly after childbirth in 1983.

Although the ministry has thrown a heavy veil over all information on these deaths, it appears that the number is "several score" and that they do not include high-risk obstetric patients, such as women with diabetes, heart disease, epilepsy, chronic high blood pressure or drug

addiction. Only the deaths of women with no special problems are under consideration. Some died during or after normal delivery and some during or after Caesarean section.

Among the cases to be probed are at least two patients who, although still alive, thanks to intensive-care equipment, have suffered irreparable brain damage.

The committee chairman, Professor Yosef Shenkar, is head of Hadassah Hospital's Department of Women's Diseases and Obstetrics. He is also adviser on obstetrics and gynecology to the Health Ministry.

He will be aided by a board of experts, themselves heads of hospital obstetric services.

One of the hardest questions that Shenkar's committee will have to answer is whether sophisticated equipment and the availability of specialists are critical in preventing obstetrical death, or whether the one-to-one nurse, midwife or doctor for each woman is the best insurance against unexpected complications.

In the view of some obstetricians and midwives during the past 15-20 years, emphasis has been placed on sophisticated equipment and spe-

cialists, instead of the attendance of a professional person during all stages of labour.

Israel has a very low maternal mortality rate compared to other countries, Shenkar says. The committee's report, to be presented to Health Ministry director-general Baruch Modan, is aimed at making it still lower. Health Ministry sources said.

A World Health Organization report in 1979 listed Israel among eight countries with the lowest maternal mortality rates.

## Memorial Day begins tomorrow night

By HAIM SHAPIRO  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Day, the annual day of mourning the six million Jews killed in the Holocaust and honouring those who resisted physically and spiritually, begins tomorrow night.

The opening state ceremony will take place at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, with the participation of President Chaim Herzog and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. A siren will sound at 8 a.m. Sunday, calling the nation to observe two minutes of silence.

Three closing ceremonies will be held on Sunday — at Kibbutz Lohamei Hageta'ot, with Chief-of-

Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy participating; at Tel Yitzhak with President Herzog, and at Yad Mordechai with Labour leader Knesset Member Shimon Peres.

Cafes, cinemas and other places of entertainment are required by law to remain closed tomorrow night. Israel Radio and Television will mark the occasion with special programmes and music tomorrow night and Sunday.

In Haifa, the day will be marked Saturday night by a torchlight rally by youth groups in the Municipal Theatre, followed by a special performance of the play *Ghetto*.

A memorial service will be held that night at the auditorium in Acre.

## Soldier dies of wounds

An Israeli soldier who was injured in a training accident in eastern Lebanon last year died yesterday of his wounds.

The military command said Uri Faraj, 20, died about six months after the accident.

He was injured in the Bekaa Valley in the explosion of a tow missile, which is a U.S.-made shoulder-

fired anti-tank missile. The radio also said Faraj had not regained consciousness since the explosion.

His death brings to 577 the number of Israelis killed in Lebanon since the start of the Lebanon war in June 1982. This figure includes those killed in fighting, in terrorist attacks, and in traffic and training accidents.

## 500 Haredim to hold protest in Petah Tikva

PETAH TIKVA (Itim). — Police have approved a demonstration by 500 Haredim tonight outside the Heichal Cinema here, where a movie is to be shown.

The Public Committee for Sabbath Observances in Petah Tikva received a permit to demonstrate in Histradut Street between 9 p.m. and midnight.

## Haifa Municipal Museum gets reprieve

By DAVID RUDGE  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Haifa Municipal Museum, threatened with closure because of economy measures, has been reprieved. The Jerusalem Post learned yesterday.

The municipal executive has decided not to shut any of the museum's six departments scattered throughout the city. But the jobs of 26 employees who received dismissal letters at the beginning of the month are still in doubt. These 26,

and eight museum guides who double as guards, may be out of work from May 1.

City Hall sources told *The Post* that the committee set up to study the situation is expected to submit its report in the next few days. Meanwhile, the museum will remain open.

The museum's budget has averaged about \$1 million in recent years; 75 per cent covered by the municipality.

## Volunteers to ask drivers to wear safety belts

Jerusalem Post Staff

More than 100 volunteers in petrol stations in the larger urban centres will ask drivers to pledge to wear safety belts inside city limits during this year. The campaign is financed by Avner, the government-sponsored pool of insurance companies.

safety belts inside city limits, a spokesman for the campaign said Wednesday.

Research done by the Transport Ministry shows that wearing such belts cuts the number of those injured in road accidents on city roads by 10-20 per cent, he said.

## UK actor denies his portrayal of Shylock is 'anti-Semitic'

By HYAM CORNEY  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Ian McDiarmid, one of Britain's leading actors, has categorically rejected charges that his portrayal of Shylock in the New Royal Shakespeare Company's production of *The Merchant of Venice* at Stratford-on-Avon is in any way anti-Semitic. The accusation was made in an article in *The Times* by William Frankel, a former editor of the *Jewish Chronicle* and a former consultant to *The Times* on Jewish affairs.

McDiarmid told *The Jerusalem Post* he is considering taking legal action against Frankel for what he regards as "defamatory" allegations.

Frankel wrote that McDiarmid's portrayal of Shylock is "comic, villainous and avaricious, cruel and insolent in success, servile in defeat —

everything in fact apart from the hooked nose and devil's costume." Frankel says that many of the great actors who have played Shylock in the past, such as Sir Laurence Olivier or Peter O'Toole, succeeded in giving the character "some dignity, nobility or tragic tranquility."

Frankel notes that in an interview before the play opened, McDiarmid promised to make Shylock "as Jewish as I can make him." He also revealed in the interview that he had prepared for the part by visiting Jerusalem, where he "felt very much an alien in a Jewish world."

Frankel says he believes McDiarmid's interpretation of Shylock has "potential for inciting or reinforcing racial or religious prejudice" and "suggests that the post-Holocaust inhibitions on public anti-Jewish presentations are fading."

## Rapist gets 8 years

BEERSHEBA (Itim). — A man who raped a tourist from the U.S. in October 1982 was convicted this week by the district court and sentenced to eight years in prison.

Jamal Hassin, 22, of Dhahiriya, was found guilty of raping the woman at knife-point in the garden he tended near Sde Boker. After raping her, he stole \$12 from her and fled. He was caught eight months later.

## Nursery-school fees up

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The fees of day-nurseries will go up 38.2 per cent in May, Social Affairs Ministry spokesman Micha Maimon announced yesterday.

The rate of the increase is the same as the cost-of-living increase to be paid next month, and also applies to the months June, July and August.

Maimon said the increase had been coordinated with the women's organizations.

BALLET. — The Dutch national ballet is to perform in Israel in July as guests of the BatSheva dance company, the press was told yesterday.

PRIZE. — Dr. Yehoshua Kaniel of Bar-Ilan University will receive the 1984 Izhak Ben-Zvi Prize for his book *Hemshech Uimura*, a study of the First and Second Aliyah.

## Fibi man suspected of embezzling \$200,000

A senior clerk at the main branch of the First International Bank in Jerusalem is under investigation by the police, who are acting on a complaint filed by the bank that the man embezzled \$200,000.

Police sources say the man is cooperating with investigators and has even returned some of the money he is alleged to have stolen.

Bank officials suspected embezzlement after an internal audit revealed that a large sum was missing. (Itim)

## Ida Nudel solidarity group marks her 54th birthday

Refusednik Ida Nudel's 54th birthday was celebrated by WIN (Israeli Women for Ida Nudel) at the home of Annette Dulzin yesterday. Extracts of Nudel's letters to her sister Ilana Friedman were read and Nitz Ben-Elissar reported on her appeal for Nudel at the recent Women's Conference for Soviet Jewry in Washington. Nudel has been in exile for four years, first in Siberia and now in Moldavia.

ARABIC. — To expand the study of Arabic, the Israel Defence Forces and the Education and Culture Ministry have decided to train 25 female soldiers with a background in Middle Eastern studies to teach the language in secondary schools.

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Sentation in cooperation with the Housing Ministry.

The document has been translated into English for presentation to potential American buyers and investors, since they are recognized as the main reservoir of possible interest in the project.

The planners have focused initially on the Hessed Le'Avraham Quarter around Beit Hadassah, the Hizkiyahu Quarter, a 10-dunam site surrounding Beit Romano owned by the Habad movement and now also the site of the Hebron bus terminal recently seized by the army and the Avraham Avinu quarter, a 25-dunam site surrounding the restored synagogue and including the municipal wholesale market of the city. Settlers already occupy buildings in each of these sites and the immediate aim is to establish a territorial link between all three sites.

In addition, they have set their sights on another plot of some 20 dunams, including the ancient Karaites, Sephardi and Ashkenazi cemetery at Tel Rumeidah.

Recognizing that the "integration of Jewish residents among the local population naturally entails a severe conflict of interests, especially when considering a highly Jewish-conscious population," the planners stress the independent development of the Jewish neighbourhoods, integration into Hebron's main busi-

ness district and "conformance with Hebron's overall architectural structure."

Security has been given considerable attention. Guard posts are to be included in the plans for each area, security lighting is to be provided with back-up by independent generators and the Avraham Avinu quarter is to have a "central security room including an armory and communications centre." There is also a call for a "central provisions storeroom."

There are plans for more yeshivot, including one alongside the Tomb of the Patriarchs to be devoted to the Kabbala, a special building for a rabbinical court and permanent headquarters for the Committee for the Renewal of Jewish Settlement in the City of the Patriarchs.

The committee claims to hold powers of attorney and leasing rights for 90 per cent of the currently Jewish-owned property in Hebron, all of which is controlled by the

military government's Custodian of Absentee and Government Property.

The plan recommends amalgamating and re-parcelling the Jewish-owned properties and the requisitioning of other sites against "appropriate compensation to the owners." Priorities for land purchasing and requisitioning are also provided, with the link between the Avraham Avinu quarter and the Tomb of the Patriarchs heading the list, followed by the eventual link to Kiryat Arba outside Hebron.

The lowest priority is the acquisition and development of the land around the cemetery at Tel Rumeidah, part of which is earmarked as a "national park and municipal garden... to serve the Jewish and Arab populations alike."

Officials in the Housing Ministry have not seen the plan and insist that no budget at all has been provided for it.

## 13 Israeli firms charged with pirating the Smurfs

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Thirteen Israeli companies and their managers are being sued by a Belgian citizen who claims he has the copyright to the Smurfs (*Dar-dasim*).

The man, Pierre Clifford, contends that none of the companies was given the right to make com-

mercial use of the Smurfs. The defence briefs have not yet been filed. Clifford has filed suit in the Tel Aviv District Court, asking to forbid the companies to infringe his copyright. He also wants them to pay him a sum equivalent to at least half their profits, plus interest and linked to the index, as well as damages.

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## Britain and Libya allow dependents to go home

LONDON (Reuters). — The wives and children of British and Libyan diplomats left each other's capitals last night after a tense delay that prompted a strong protest from the British government.

Britain has broken diplomatic relations with the Tripoli government because of the shooting of a policewoman outside the Libyan embassy in London 10 days ago.

Airport officials said a plane carrying 137 Libyans left London's Heathrow for Tripoli shortly after 7 p.m.

British Caledonian Airways reported that one of its planes, carrying about 30 British dependents, took off from Tripoli about 20 minutes earlier.

Airport sources said the Libyan plane had been delayed at Heathrow until word was received that the British plane had been allowed to take off from Tripoli.

Removal companies picked up cars and other belongings from Libya's consulate in West London yesterday, but about three kilometres away armed police kept up their siege of the Libyan Embassy.

There were no signs of movement at the embassy, from where the shots were fired on April 17, killing the young policewoman and wounding 10 anti-Gaddafi demonstrators.

The 20 to 30 Libyans inside the embassy have been given until midnight on Sunday to quit Britain. The government set the deadline a week ago after deciding to cut diplomatic ties with Tripoli.

The Libyans have received no food since early Wednesday afternoon. Police said this did not reflect

a new policy in the siege, merely that no new request for food had been made.

Two Libyans were refused entry into Britain yesterday, and Dartmouth Royal Naval College in southwest England announced it had turned away three young Libyan cadets on government orders.

Government sources acknowledged yesterday that it might take a long time to institute Britain's proposals for changes in the international agreements covering the immunity of diplomats.

British proposals, prompted by the shooting, would have to be channelled through the UN International Law Commission that meets next month in Geneva.

The commission reports to the legal affairs committee of the UN General Assembly which can send back recommendations on proposed treaty changes until it is satisfied with them, a process experts say could take years.

Home Secretary Leon Brittan told parliament on Wednesday that the government is considering seeking changes in the Vienna convention on diplomatic immunity. He said the rules on immunity had been "grossly abused" by the Libyans.

In Brussels, a committee of the European Parliament called for unanimous condemnation by the 10-nation community of what it described as Libya's violation of international law and abuse of diplomatic privileges.

Acting on an initiative by Italian radical Marco Pannella, the political affairs committee urged community governments to express total support for Britain's handling of the crisis.

## 2 persons killed, 1 hurt in shootout with Sikhs

CHANDIGARH (AP). — At least two persons were killed and one was wounded yesterday in a shootout between paramilitary troops and Sikh militants firing from inside a shrine in Punjab state, Indian authorities said.

Meanwhile, suspected Sikh terrorists assassinated a Hindu trader and sabotaged three railroad lines, disrupting train service, a government spokesman here said.

The spokesman said three bomb blasts occurred on rail tracks in Ferozepur district, bordering Pakistan, where arsonists earlier this month burned at least 23 railway stations.

The Hindu, a cloth merchant, was fatally shot in a village about 150 kilometres west of Chandigarh, with

the gunmen fleeing by motorcycle, the official added.

In the curfew-bound city of Moga, militants opened "heavy fire" on troops of India's border security force from the terrace of a Sikh temple, prompting soldiers to return the fire, an official statement said.

Two unidentified persons were slain as sporadic gunfire continued. No other details were available.

A round-the-clock curfew was clamped on Moga 10 days ago, after Sikh militants took to the streets to protest against the detention of fundamentalist leader Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale's brother. Since then, hundreds of Sikhs have been staging daily anti-government demonstrations inside the shrine, which is "blockaded by paramilitary troops,"

## Drugs 'likely cause' of young Kennedy's death

PALM BEACH, Florida (AP). — A medical investigator says there is a "strong possibility" that drugs caused the death of 28-year-old David Kennedy, whose erratic life and battle with drugs since he watched his father assassinated on television had long troubled one of America's most famous families.

Kennedy, the fourth child of Ethel Kennedy and the late Senator Robert Kennedy, was found by a hotel secretary Wednesday on the

floor between two beds of his suite in the posh Brazilian Court Hotel.

"Drugs, I would say, are a strong possibility," Rick Black, investigator for the Palm Beach County medical examiner, said after an autopsy was performed Wednesday.

The St. Paul (Minnesota) Pioneer Press, quoting unidentified sources, reported yesterday that Kennedy had been released last Thursday from St. Mary's Rehabilitation Center in Minneapolis.



President Ronald Reagan holds his hand over his heart as the U.S. national anthem is played at a welcoming ceremony in Peking's Great Hall of the People yesterday. Next to him is Chinese President Li Xian-nian. (UPI telephoto)

## Timerman tells army court about human rights abuses

BUENOS AIRES (AP). — Jacobo Timerman, the journalist and author who was imprisoned and tortured by the former military regime, went before a military tribunal on Wednesday to testify about human rights abuses.

The 61-year-old Timerman testified for just over an hour before the supreme council of the armed forces. The tribunal of nine retired generals and admirals is trying 11 retired generals and admirals for their role in widespread human rights abuses in the years after the 1976 military coup.

Timerman testified in the case against retired army Gen. Ramon Camps, former chief of the Buenos Aires provincial police. Timerman has accused Camps of direct responsibility for his illegal imprisonment and torture and for the theft of personal property from Timerman's home and office.

Camps has been under arrest at a Buenos Aires army base since January 19. No specific charges against him have been disclosed.

Timerman declined to comment on his specific testimony before the tribunal, which meets behind closed doors. But he told reporters he held Camps responsible for the death of Rafael Perrota, a newspaper editor who disappeared in 1977.

"I was imprisoned with Perrota in a clandestine jail under the jurisdiction of the Buenos Aires provincial police, whose head was Camps," Timerman said. "I am convinced he (Perrota) was murdered."

Timerman, former publisher and editor of *La Opinion* newspaper, was arrested in April 1977, allegedly for questioning about his business relationships with financier David Graiver. Graiver, who died in 1976, reportedly laundered money obtained by a leftist guerrilla organization through robberies and kidnappings.

No charges were brought against Timerman, who was stripped of his citizenship and expelled from Argentina in September 1979. He has lived since then in Israel and New York.

## British Airways admits to tainted food

LONDON (AP). — A contaminated aspic glaze in the hors d'oeuvres served on British Airways flights made 631 passengers and 135 crew members ill with salmonella poisoning during a five-day period last month, the company said yesterday.

Most of the passengers were flying in the first-class section where the delicacy was served. They included 18 Saudi diplomats aboard a U.S.-bound supersonic Concorde jet, the company said.

Another Saudi Arabian, a former ambassador to Washington, died of a heart attack five days after contracting the bacterial poisoning aboard a British Airways flight to Jeddah.

The airline now faces a number of lawsuits, including one filed by the Saudi deputy minister of commerce.

An airline spokeswoman said the poison is believed to have been either in an ingredient of the glaze or on the hands of a food handler. She said measures had been taken to prevent recurrence.

## Count Basie, king of 'jump swing,' dies at 79

HOLLYWOOD, Florida (AP). — Count Basie, dean of "jump swing" and one of the big band figures in the era of big-band jazz, died yesterday at Doctors' Hospital here. He was 79.

Basie had been hospitalized for treatment of a severe ulcer. A hospital spokesman said Basie's son, Aaron, had asked that no details of his father's death be released pending a news conference later in the day.

The composer and bandleader started as a piano player in a Chinese restaurant on the New Jersey coast. A half-century later, he was still meeting club dates from coast to coast, with occasional appearances before presidents and royalty.

Along the way, he wrote *One O'Clock Jump*, *Jumpin' at the Wood-*

side, *Don't You Miss Your Baby*, and *I Left My Baby*.

Basie began as a drummer in a school band, switching to the piano in his teens. He made his Broadway debut at the Roseland Ballroom in 1938, at the height of the jitterbug craze, when excited listeners "shagged" up and down theatre aisles. The crisp, lively sound punctuated by staccato chords and notes was a hit.

## Mao's widow Ho dies

PEKING (AP). — The third wife of the late chairman Mao Tse-tung, Ho Tzu-chen, has died of illness in Shanghai, the official Chinese Press reported yesterday. She was 75.

An obituary of Ho in major newspapers did not mention her 1930 marriage to Mao or their 1937 divorce.

## Hart wins in Utah

NEW YORK (AP). — Senator Gary Hart won a backyard victory in the Utah caucuses to boost his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination, while Walter Mondale said he would not return money received by his union-backed delegate committees.

Jesse Jackson, meanwhile, blasted Mondale and Hart for promising both social and military spending boosts.

In Utah, 22 of the state's 27 national convention delegates were at stake in caucuses held Wednesday night amid a heavy spring snowstorm. Mondale was running in third place behind a strong uncommitted vote.

With 75 per cent of the returns counted, Hart had 3,174 votes or 50 per cent. There were 1,762 votes, or 27 per cent, for an uncommitted delegation. Mondale had 1,245 votes for 20 per cent, and Jackson had 171 votes, or 3 per cent.

Hart's Utah coordinator Jan Ruckman estimated that the victory should place 13 or 14 more national convention delegates in his column.

Mondale was campaigning in Texas yesterday and Hart was in Ohio before heading to Indiana and Tennessee.

On Wednesday, Mondale gave in to criticism from both Hart and Jackson and asked the dozens of independent delegate committees backing his candidacy to disband.

But Hart, who says the committees were used by Mondale to circumvent federal campaign-spending limits, said Mondale should go further and have the committees return the money received from special-interest groups or count the committees' expenditures against his own spending limit.

Although Mondale asked the groups to disband, he maintained their operation has been "entirely legal and proper."

## Hess marks 90th birthday in Spandau

BERLIN (AP). — Rudolf Hess, Adolf Hitler's deputy, marked his 90th birthday yesterday in Spandau Prison in good condition mentally and physically, his son said after a one-hour visit.

"It is astonishing how well he is holding up after 43 years as a prisoner," Wolf Ruediger Hess told 50 reporters after emerging from the West Berlin prison where his father is the only inmate, guarded by the four-power victors over Nazi Germany.

Hess, the last major Nazi figure still behind bars, is serving a life sentence imposed by the Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal for "planning and conducting aggressive war."

The U.S., Britain and France have said they would not object to freeing Hess on humanitarian grounds, but the Soviet Union has insisted that he die in prison. On Wednesday, Federal German Chancellor Helmut Kohl appealed to the Soviet Union to drop its objection, so that Hess could be paroled.

## Brazil's military rulers defeat election reform

BRAZILIA (AP). — The military-backed Government Party yesterday narrowly defeated an opposition-sponsored bill, supported by millions of Brazilians, to reinstate direct presidential elections in Latin America's largest country.

Just hours after the vote was announced, the army command in charge of the government-declared limited state of emergency announced that an unspecified number of prisoners had been freed, roadblocks removed and broadcast-media censorship lifted.

The vote in the congress came after a day-long debate Wednesday. Spectators in the galleries, who had been warned to stay calm or be removed, listened to the final tally and then yelled: "Traitors" and "The people will not forgive."

The constitutional amendment, which called for direct presidential elections this year, received 298 votes in favour, 65 against, three abstentions and 113 absent.

RELATIONS. — South Africa and the Indian Ocean state of the Comoro Islands held talks recently and relations between the two countries have steadily improved in the past two years, officials said yesterday.

## Iran dissidents occupy missions in Europe

LONDON (AP). — Groups of dissident Iranian students occupied their nation's missions in London, Paris, Vienna, and The Hague, and also stormed an Iranian Airline office in Frankfurt in simultaneous well-coordinated protests yesterday against the Islamic regime of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

The Iranian ambassador to Holland was hospitalized with a head injury and two persons were hurt in a protest in Frankfurt.

Ten to 15 Iranians stormed the Iran Air office in downtown Frankfurt, spraying tear gas, said a police spokesman. Three Iranians were arrested at the scene, but the others escaped. Two airline employees were injured in the attack, the spokesman said, neither of them seriously.

In The Hague, Ambassador Hosein Tajmardoun received a minor head injury when 20 Iranian students occupied the embassy for 75 minutes, the police said. They said another embassy worker also was slightly injured but didn't need to go to the hospital.

The occupiers did not have firearms according to police. But a spokesman for the Iranian Embassy said some of the demonstrators had clubs.

The building, on one of The Hague's main thoroughfares, was extensively vandalized, police said. The police persuaded the protes-

ters to leave the building without further incident and they were taken into custody.

In London, about 15 persons broke into the Iranian consulate in the West End. The police sealed off the immediate area of the consulate and were talking to the intruders through a broken window, a Scotland Yard spokesman said.

British businessman Frank Mason, 29, who was on the steps of the consulate when the demonstrators entered the building, said: "There was a lot of fighting between the people who had been outside and the staff inside. They were young people, student types."

In a telephone call to the Associated Press, a man identifying himself as an Iranian opposition spokesman said the Iranians were protesting against "continuing executions and barbaric torture of tens of thousands of progressives now imprisoned by the Iranian regime."

An embassy spokesman said: "It is nothing serious, just a few students."

In Vienna, six demonstrators chained one another to the front of the office of Amnesty International, the international human rights organization, to protest against "mass trials, torture, executions and political suppression by Islamic fundamentalists."

In Paris, a dozen leftist Iranian students occupied their country's mission to Unesco.

## Sports

### No slam for British soccer

LONDON (Reuters). — A day which dawned full of hopes for British soccer ended in bitter disappointment as tales of woe spread across Europe from Rome to Aberdeen on Wednesday night.

When the dust had settled on the semi-finals in the three European competitions, Britain, harbouring fond notions of making an unprecedented clean sweep of all six final places, had just two reasons to celebrate.

Not surprisingly, it was left to Liverpool to carry the flag in the Champions' Cup after a courageous 2-1 away win over Romania's Dinamo Bucharest to complete a 3-1 aggregate victory. Tottenham Hotspur provided Britain's only other success, this in the UEFA Cup competition.

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# SHAMIR'S SHADOW

The Post's Robert Rosenberg talks to Yosef Ben-Aharon, special adviser to the prime minister.



Yosef Ben-Aharon.

(Zev Ackerman)

ing in recent years in the corridors of power.

"He listens, and pulls out of the system the experts he needs to hear in order to make his decision," says Ben-Aharon, who often during the day gets a buzz from the premier and is asked to step across the hall in order to confer on this or that problem.

Although Ben-Aharon insists that

he is not Shamir's only source of information ("He gets his advice on defence matters from [Defence Minister] Moshe Arens; his advice on military matters from the chief of staff, and so forth," he does concede that he is the last step between Shamir and those who wish to see him.

Ben-Aharon says that Shamir "much prefers to speak directly,

rather than over the telephone, with his sources."

SO WHAT is the advice Ben-Aharon is giving as adviser? I ask.

First of all, he reveals what he's not advising Shamir on: "Politics, coalition problems, election matters."

Ben-Aharon wants to stay as far away from that sphere as possible, although it is clear that in the coming months the election will be on everybody's mind.

Keeping in mind that Israeli society and Arab society are irrevocably different, the trick, says Ben-Aharon, to formulating policy is to know as much as possible about the Arabs and conduct policy based on that information, in a manner that makes sense to the Arabs.

Thus, for example, he says that Israel, which will remain in the territories, should perhaps consider that it cannot apply the same democratic political procedure in the Arab society of the West Bank and Gaza as is available to Israeli citizens.

Isn't he afraid that a democratic society like Israel, applying the style of a very different society in its rule of the territories, will end up corrupt? Ben-Aharon answers simply: "We are a chosen people, and it is our challenge not to become corrupted."

But in almost the same breath, he expresses admiration for Shamir "who, while of course believing in the Bible, doesn't use all sorts of theological and historical explanations and formulations to determine his policy or explain it to the rest of the world."

For example, he describes a meeting with Rumanian President Nicolae Ceaucescu, in which the prime minister was essentially asked why Israel doesn't seek a dialogue with the PLO.

"Rather than start on the whole biblical history of our claims and on a historical analysis of anti-Semitism (here Ben-Aharon implies a comparison with a style well-remembered between May 1977 and August 1983) "he analysed for Ceaucescu the PLO on the PLO's own terms."

"He explained that the problem lies in the very nature of the PLO, in the nature of Yasser Arafat's leadership, in the PLO covenant. Therefore, Ben-Aharon continues, even if Arafat offered to make peace, "we have nothing to talk about with him."

Shamir, says Ben-Aharon, is not a man for small talk or lecturing. He "has all the characteristics of an intellectual, without being one, preferring reality to theory."

WHILE SOME describe Shamir as a slow decision-maker, procrastinating on Southern Lebanon, for example, Ben-Aharon says that it is a matter of the prime minister (who is also still the foreign minister) learning all he can before making a decision.

And he won't make any hasty decisions, in the coming months of election campaigning, especially not about Lebanon.

Indeed, says Shamir's adviser, the election campaign almost guarantees that there will be no hasty decision since, despite expected pressure from both inside the Likud (for electoral reasons) and from outside the Likud (for political reasons) for a withdrawal "two weeks before July 23,"

Shamir's style of decision-making makes those election needs "extraneous" to the decision-making process.

Indeed, Shamir's style as the election campaign begins seems to be to keep the electioneering outside the corridors of power. The only genuinely partisan politician still in Shamir's office is Begin holdover Yehiel Kadishai, who served as Begin's bureau chief. But Kadishai is leaving and Shamir, who suffers neither fools nor sycophants, has given no indication that he plans to bring somebody into the office to serve as his eyes and ears to the party.

And after the Herut vote for Sharon, says another Shamir adviser, "we also won't be listening to the likes of MK Ronnie Milo," who predicted an easy victory for Shamir over Sharon.

Meanwhile, Ben-Aharon, whose views seem to range somewhere between Yuval Ne'eman's secular Tehiya to Hanan Porat's religious nationalism, with a very healthy knowledge of Arabic and what is euphemistically called "the Arab mentality," takes the phone calls.

This biblical scholar wants the prime minister to appear in Hebron on Lag B'Omer for a symposium on Torah and Eretz Yisrael; that Kiryat Shmona politician wants the PM in the northern town for a speech; this cable is coming in from the Foreign Ministry; that top-secret document lying face down on Ben-Aharon's desk needs the prime minister's signature.

The adviser on state affairs is above all an amiable man — both of them are, it seems. And at one point in the conversation Ben-Aharon recalls that in an earlier conversation he said of his boss: "He doesn't have the ambition inside him that says, 'I can do this job better than anybody else; I'm better qualified than anybody else to be prime minister.'"

"With Shamir it's more like, 'It has to be done; I was chosen to do it, and as long as I'm doing it I'll do it the best I can.'"

## A different kind of involvement

By WOLF BLITZER / Post Washington Correspondent

done to help endangered Jewish communities in the 1980. Still, most of these activists will agree that they still represent a minority of Jews in the United States.

The unfortunate fact seems to be that the overwhelming majority of American Jews is not very much involved in the current struggle to help win freedom and emigration for Soviet, Ethiopian, Syrian and other Jewish communities around the world.

CERTAINLY, the major Jewish organizations are actively involved in the battle, but the rank and file, for the most part, are not. In any major Jewish community in the United States, only a handful of Jews is actually involved on a regular level. The rest often seem largely indifferent.

Thus, some observers suggest, you don't see very many public demonstrations on behalf of Soviet Jewry in the United States nowadays, despite the fact that only a dismal 1,315 Jews were permitted to leave last year — lower than any number since 1971. There was a totally different atmosphere, these critics insist, in the early 1970s, when there were many demonstrations and protest marches.

And while the issue of the Falashas has won considerably greater attention in recent years among many Jewish activists around the country, it, also, is still not all that burning a matter for most of the nearly six million Jews of America.

Critics in the Jewish community charge that Jewish political activity is directed largely towards helping only one endangered Jewish community — Israel.

Israel, for almost all American Jews, is seen as remaining in almost constant peril, the result of continuing Arab hostility. The plight of other Jewish communities around the world, these critics maintain, is secondary.

Jerry Goodman, executive director of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, denies there is any silence in the Jewish community regarding Soviet Jewry. What he acknowledges, however, is that the 1980s are different from the 1970s.

"We're using different approaches today," he said in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*. "That's why we mobilized the (U.S.) congressional wives' group. That's why we have a freshman class of members of Congress. It's not a time when people are going to go out and demonstrate in the streets — on any issue."

GOODMAN noted the absence of any major street demonstrations in the United States in recent years by the peace movement or the black community — with the notable exception of the recent 20th anniversary Martin Luther King memorial march in Washington. "That was as much the result of nostalgia as anything else," Goodman said.

"I just think it's a different time, a different era and, therefore, people approach these problems differently."

He said it was always the case that only a tiny percentage of the overall Jewish community was actively involved.

"You only have a small group of people who took the burden of leadership. You never had masses. If we get 50,000 or 100,000 people in New York City to a rally," he continued, "it's the result of two dozen people who laboured like maniacs. And others will then fall into place. It was always so."

Movements, Goodman noted, are basically always a small group of individuals. "The Jewish activist movement in Russia was the creation of a small group of people," he said. "Others join on. If the gates open up, others will pour through. If nearly 270,000 Jewish people got out of the Soviet Union in the last decade, I don't think that more than a total of 5,000 — over all those years — were real activists. The others got out because that small group of several thousand fought."

"When we had petitions coming out of the Soviet Union, we never had more than a couple of hundred people on any one document at any one time. That's the nature of movements."

Thus, Goodman insisted he was not worried about the critics' cries of

silence in the American Jewish community today. "I'm glad that we have that small group. What we have to do is make sure that it gets the others excited — and through them non-Jews as well."

STILL, THE ONE negative development right now in the Soviet Jewry movement, according to Goodman, is the likelihood that there is not going to be any major breakthrough on the issue until after the U.S. presidential elections in November. "Still, you don't measure success only by numbers," he said. "They're easy to measure."

"But the fact is that there are a lot of people out there, and what's exciting in Jewish life is that there are younger leaders coming in, many of whom have been to the Soviet Union, but not all of them. Some of them have met activists in Israel. These are people in their 30s and early 40s. They're coming into leadership positions."

Goodman cited the session on Soviet Jewry at the March meeting in Washington of the young leadership of the United Jewish Appeal. The conference room was packed.

"It was overflowing," he said. "People were standing. I believe they were indicative of the younger leadership group that cares and wants to be involved, and they're out there. But they are involved in a different way."

One very dramatic and personal way for American Jews to demonstrate their own solidarity with Soviet Jewry is the bar and bat mitzva, "twinning" programme. "We're bonding people one to one," Goodman said.

What happens in that programme is that the American bar or bat mitzva is given the name of a Soviet Jewish boy or girl — a "twin" — who might not be able to have a similar ceremony because of official Soviet harassment.

The twinning programme, which is now occurring regularly in Orthodox, Conservative and Reform congregations across the country, has helped give the bar mitzva ceremony a new dimension for contemporary American Jewry. Everyone in the congregation is moved.

"I FIND people all over the country doing that as a way of linking their families to the fate of Soviet Jewry," said Goodman. "We didn't do that 10 years ago."

"It's a different way of doing things," he continued. "Ten years ago, even five years ago, we could measure things by demonstrations. It's not a time of demonstrations. It

may be again in the future."

To make his point that Soviet Jewry was still very much on the front burner, Goodman cited the recent statements by President Ronald Reagan, Vice President George Bush, Secretary of State George Shultz and other high-ranking U.S. officials, made in large measure, because they know that the American Jewish community cares.

"I know what people are saying," Goodman said. "And a lot of the critics, by the way, are the people who themselves are burned out. You have to rotate your leadership. We are seeing new people get involved. It's the people who have been around for years and years who are the ones who will express the most frustration. I know that because they were there 10 years ago and they saw successes."

"The new people who come in didn't see the emigration of 51,000 in

1979. As far as they are concerned, it's almost all new. And they don't have to feel that they have that standard to live up to. What excites me is that I meet these people. They are there."

IS IT ENOUGH? "Absolutely not," Goodman replied. "But that's very different from saying that people don't care. I don't buy it. It's just misleading where things are."

Unfortunately, the struggle to save Soviet Jewry will have to continue. The new Kremlin leadership of Konstantin Chernenko is not yet letting up. If anything, anti-Semitism in Russia is on the upswing.

According to the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, late president Yuri Andropov left a horrible legacy of legitimizing official policy towards the Jewish minority — "elements of which evoke memories of the Nazi era and Stalin's last days."

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### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 20, 1984

Arabic theatre in Israel Day  
Discussion and Arabic theatre and puppet performances  
Haifa Auditorium, Central Carmel

Monday, May 21, 1984

Opening Week Ceremony  
Opening of Exhibition of Arab Artists.  
Opening of Home Industries Fair.  
Beduin Tent Hospitality  
Beit Hagefen, 22 Sd. Hazionut, Haifa.

Tuesday, Wednesday, May 22-23, 1984

Arab Language Study Days  
Arab School and Kindergarten Teachers Seminary, near Paz Bridge, Haifa.

Thursday, May 24, 1984

Arabic Song Festival, in cooperation with Kol Yisrael and Israel TV.  
Haifa Auditorium, Central Carmel

Sunday, May 27, 1984

Closing and Prize Awards Ceremony  
in the presence of the President of Israel, Mr. Chaim Herzog.

Throughout the week, an artists exhibition, home industries fair, folklore evenings, Beduin tent hospitality and an artistic programme will be held at Beit Hagefen.

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Since Yitzhak Shamir became prime minister, the man with his hand on the information faucet is Yosef Ben-Aharon.

Born in Israel and raised in Egypt, with a rich background in Arab affairs, Ben-Aharon, who wears a small knitted kippa on his balding head, has an office directly across the corridor from Shamir.

Ben-Aharon, who says he shares Shamir's pragmatism, holds two specific jobs and performs a host of other tasks for the prime minister. Officially, he is the prime minister's adviser on state affairs, and the deputy director-general for special tasks of the foreign ministry. But he writes speeches, makes appointments, screens cables, and measures out the information to his boss.

Ben-Aharon came out of relative anonymity in the Foreign Ministry. He had worked ("with my hawkish views") under Golda Meir and Yitzhak Rabin. He served with Rabin, when the latter was ambassador in Washington and later at the Prime Minister's Office. Then he served as deputy consul general in New York. On his return to Israel, he headed the Syria-Jordan-Palestinian-Lebanon desk in the Foreign Ministry's research centre.

When Shamir went into the Foreign Ministry, some Herut party politicians, racking their brains to find somebody hawkish rather than dovish in the ministry to head his

Semitism, at worst, of the State Department, the War Department, the White House and other branches of the U.S. government in refusing to take concerted steps to help rescue Jews during the Holocaust.

Indeed, a just-broadcast Metromedia news documentary on American television, narrated by film star Ed Asner, vividly showed once again how easily the Allies could have bombed the railroad lines to Auschwitz, but never got around to it. They never really considered it enough of a priority, even though they were fully aware of the slaughter underway there.

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# Scramble for the top slots

IT'S NO GAME of musical chairs at Metsudat Ze'ev, the Herut H.Q., but a fight for political life. Now that both Menachem Begin and his old IZL deputy Ya'acov Meridor are out of the running, the scramble is on to squeeze into the top seven places of Herut candidates.

While Premier Yitzhak Shamir's place as No. 1 is not in dispute, the second slot will be the prize of a battle royal between Deputy Premier David Levy and Minister Without Portfolio Ariel Sharon. If Sharon loses it is widely assumed that he will contest the Number Three slot with his successor at the Defence Ministry, Moshe Arens.

The newest element in the pecking order battle is that the Likud's third finance minister, Yoram Aridor, is going to make a bid for the Number Four place, instead of — or at least ahead of — Likud's fourth finance minister Yigal Cohen-Orlani.

Contesting the sixth and seventh slots are Communications Minister, Mordechai Zipori, Knesset faction head Romie Milo, Deputy Minister Dov Shilansky and Transport Minister Haim Corfu. Corfu's position in the Jerusalem branch has been weakened and he is thus seeking to upgrade his status in order to ensure his political survival.

Actually, Corfu coined the most disingenuous phrase of the run up to the election campaign when asked about his sudden change of the bus schedules from Haifa on Saturday evenings. "No one can accuse me of doing the groundwork for the next coalition," he responded.

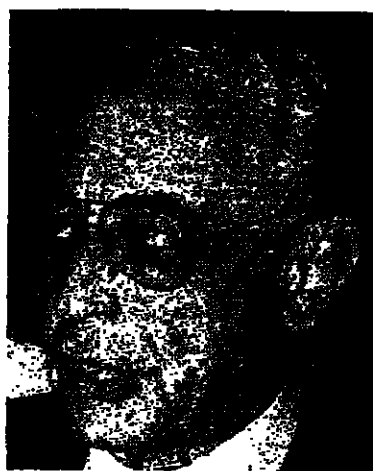
ANYONE SEEKING historical parallels need only compare Labour's situation in 1974 with that of Herut today. In both cases the government's conduct of a war brought down a charismatic premier and defence minister leading to a new cabinet.

However, as in 1974 while Yitzhak Rabin was premier, Golda Meir was very much the party leader, so in 1984, Yitzhak Shamir may be premier, but Menachem Begin remains the party chief.

After a prolonged silence, the former premier finally spoke out, not in person but through the mouth



Helmut Schmidt (Unipak)



Yitzhak Berman (Uzi Keren)

of his first-born, Binyamin Ze'ev Begin, who told Ma'ariv's Raphael Manna that Sharon's 42 per cent vote at the Herut central committee should not in any way affect the party pecking order.

This was the clearest indication to date of Begin's displeasure at Sharon's bid to displace Shamir. One could almost hear Begin speak when son Benny spoke of Sharon's stillborn motion to install the Herut founder at the top of the list. The chilly response was: "Yitzhak Shamir is without a doubt the worthy candidate."

Sharon's demand that his triumph be translated into a senior job after the election brought the Begin diktat: "It is the prime minister's prerogative to allocate portfolios."

The Herut rank and file may grumble loudly over the tie-up with the Liberals, but Begin will have no interfering with his 19-year-old pact: conceding, via Benny, that the Liberal quota should be adjusted.

INCIDENTALLY, relations between the two Gahal partners are expected to worsen with the impending publication of the new book by Yediot Aharonot columnist Arye Avneri.

The first instalment of *The Liberal*

Conspiracy (under the Zmora Bitan imprint) appeared in Yediot's weekend magazine, and describes how in June 1979 Jewish Agency WZO chairman Arye Dukla initiated an idea with the late Liberal leader Shlomo Ehrlich to replace Begin.

Herut was then run by the Weizman, Levy, Sharon, trioka, and according to Avneri, Ehrlich and Dulzin were planning to reshuffle the Likud leadership on the basis of a Weizman-Levy-Shamir leadership trioka.

But after Dulzin announced his intention of replacing Ehrlich as Liberal leader, Ehrlich scuttled the idea of a joint Herut-Liberal deputation to ask Begin to step down.

INTERNAL LIBERAL intrigues reached a crescendo this week over the party list, with party workers' faction boss Zvi Renner threatening to bolt the fold. Meanwhile, Herut Histadrut faction heads Ya'acov Shamal and Zevulun Shalish note that their votes have ensured the Liberal hangers-on in the Histadrut-Likud faction of their half of the revenue from the Histadrut political levy, which enables Renner and his pals to buy influence in their party.

## PUBLIC FACES - Mark Segal

WHILE LABOUR has settled on its campaign information managers — Moshe Shahal and Simha Dinitz — the Likud awaits the outcome of Herut's internal struggles, when I gather that the highly successful 1981 team of Gideon Gadi and Menachem Dotan are most likely to run the information side.

Haifa Labour old-timer Yosef Almog claims authorship of the Labour slogan which fellow Haifaite Shahal has so enthusiastically adopted as his own: "Sharon over Israel or Shalom (peace) over Israel". Interestingly, it has evoked loud satisfaction in Likud quarters. My sources tell me that Likud supporters are rubbing their hands in glee at the notion that Labour's Shahal will build up Sharon into the bogey man of the campaign and stampede dissatisfied Sephardi voters back into their arms.

MEANWHILE, it emerges that during their weekly discussion of party affairs, Premier Shamir and Aridor, in his capacity as party secretariat chairman, resolved that the Likud's prime attack on Labour would be its "readiness to hand over Judea and Samaria to foreign forces."

I gather that they and other Likud leaders regard the favourable remarks about Labour from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and King Hussein of Jordan as a god-send.

THE INTERNAL contest in Herut must be a cliff-hanger if Defence Minister Arens decided to cancel his scheduled visit to London for talks with British officials. It is a mystery to me why he and Shamir always have to be photographed with visiting film and TV actors, whether stars like Barbra Streisand, Grade-B TV actors like



Yuval Ne'eman (Millman)

Robert Guillaume of Benson and Albert Haig of Fame.

Does Shamir's press counsellor Yosef Ahimel think it adds lustre to his boss? The best story I heard emerging from the PM's encounter with the two actors was that Shamir stunned Fame's Albert Haig by asking whether he was related to ex-U.S. secretary of state, General Alexander Haig. (He isn't.)

At least Begin had the excuse of being a cinema and TV buff. Indeed, when he received the back-up team of Dallas, he confessed that Miss Ellie reminded him of his late mother.

Guillaume found himself pushed once more into Shamir's company by his PR agents for the Minoussa party at the Yavne home of young Herut MK Meir Shitrit, where both the prime minister and the actor, plus a gaggle of politicians, asked their host why he insisted on hitting them with a bunch of mint leaves. They were relieved when he explained it was the custom in Casablanca.

AFTER Haim Zadok who served as justice minister under Golda Meir and Yitzhak Rabin deserted his defeated party for a lucrative law office in 1977, Abba Eban tartly commented: "We can always rely on Zadok in our hour of triumph." Apparently, Shimon Peres has since found Zadok to be so indispensable that he has appointed him chairman of the Alignment platform committee and dispatched the millionaire attorney to stand in for him at this week's session of the Socialist International executive in Copenhagen.

Another familiar face, that of Shlomo Hillel, will also help defeat the party platform. If Labour persists in this pattern, its election slogan will soon be "Forwards to the Sixties!"

EZER WEIZMAN has always been stronger on charm than on consistency. When he made his campaign debut, he ruled out a place on his list even for Liberal Yitzhak Berman, who quit the cabinet over the Kahan Commission into the Sabra and Shatilla massacres. Weizman described Berman as be-



Mohammed Bassiony (Israel Sm)

ing "tainted" by having supported the government that launched the war in Lebanon.

This week, however, Weizman radically shifted his stand, telling a reporter that Ariel Sharon, then defence minister, "should not be considered responsible for the war — he was only carrying out Begin's orders."

This was in line with Weizman's shift a week earlier when he expressed himself ready to serve in either a Labour or a Likud coalition.

THE TWO big parties share at least one thing in common. Both Labour and the Likud spokesmen have the same initials — Y.B.

This week, both Labour's Yossi Beilin and Herut's Yossi Brus served notice that they will seek places on their respective party lists. They will surely be a positive addition to both parties.

INCIDENTALLY, when I spoke to Yitzhak Berman in his Tel Aviv law office this week, he confirmed that he would not be running on the Liberal Party list — or that of any other party. The former Knesset Speaker and energy minister regrets his failure to form a sizeable centre party.

Responding to Weizman's "tainted" slur Berman remarked sardonically: "I suppose Weizman will even be ready to serve in a Sharon cabinet."

SCIENCE MINISTER Yuval Ne'eman has proven himself a more skilful political ingfinger than many observers suspected, now that he has maneuvered Gaila Cohen almost out of Tehiya by importing Rafael Haim, the Jototaba party with his Tzomet group, thereby displacing *la passionaria* as No. 2.

Meanwhile her people are saying it's a good thing there are elections soon: otherwise no one ever sees Ne'eman in Israel. Usually he's abroad attending a scientific conference.

THE LATEST highly critical WZO comptroller's report has been shelved, so we won't be able to read of the list of the long-distance

travellers, courtesy of the Jewish (travel) Agency.

I gather that the name topping the list remains Youth and Hehalut Department head Avraham Katz. Herut's Haim Aharon has hardly entered his job as chief of the WZO Aliya Department than he's planning a clean sweep of the appointments of his predecessor, Rafael Kotlowitz, including department deputy director-general Shaul Salkani, his deputy, Haim Rabin and department manpower head Eli Alkalay.

Aharon, no doubt, will have the usual trouble with the Agency's staff committee, but the dispute will end with the usual solution of sending the three men on policy assignments to WZO offices abroad, where they will spend their first year learning the language.

EGYPT'S charge d'affaires, Gen. Mohammed Abdel Aziz Bassiony, enjoyed himself at the Minoussa celebration laid on by Yavne Herut MK Meir Shitrit. The envoy shared the spotlight with Premier Shamir.

Pity that our ambassador to Egypt, Moshe Sasson, and his staff don't enjoy similar treatment in Cairo, where they suffer from the official cold-shoulder treatment. That includes non-repair of the lift in the embassy building, so technicians from the Nechushtan lift works in Tel Aviv are being sent specially to Cairo.

It's not easy to do business there, as Agrexco general manager Amotz Amiad found out. "All that remains of our grandiose plans for trade with Egypt is a quarter of a clerk and half a telephone that we share with other firms."

FORMER WEST GERMAN chancellor Helmut Schmidt has cancelled his scheduled visit here next month as a pianist under the baton of Leonard Bernstein in a subscription series concert of the IPO.

Orchestra spokesman Avraham (Marek) Meron reveals that Schmidt phoned to apologize: Party matters prevent him from coming now. He might come later this year.

OVER 200 patrons of Beth Hatefutsoth had the opportunity midweek of meeting the family of tycoon Shaul Elsenberg, honorary president of the Israeli Friends of the Diaspora Museum, at a festive opening of the exhibition on the Jews of Kaifeng.

While the paterfamilias was away on business, his Japanese-born wife and children were there, including daughter Esther Zochovitzky of the Museum committee, who organized the evening. Son and heir Elia Elsenberg, on a visit from London, spoke on his father's behalf. Michael Pollack, the Dallas publisher, described how his discovery of a Tora scroll from Kaifeng led him to become an expert on the subject.

Incidentally the Israel Friends are holding an auction at the Tel Aviv Hilton next Thursday at 8 p.m. President Chaim Herzog has donated a kiddush goblet that belonged to his late father, Chief Rabbi Isaac Haim Herzog.

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IF IS GENERALLY accepted by politicians these days that after the elections the major problems confronting the country will be in the economic sphere. They imply that the public is aware of this and interested in their proposed solutions. Yet in spite of this, most parties seem to want to fight the election on generalities, vague statements and risky solutions, presumably to avoid sending the voting public into a panic prior to the elections.

No forbidding specifics are to be presented to the pampered electorate, the two big parties seem to be saying.

I doubt the wisdom of this view. In working out their election strategies, our politicians may be grossly mistaken on two points—firstly, in their view that the voter must be led to believe that things can be sorted out painlessly after the elections by the application of the "correct" policies, and secondly, that what the average voter really wants is a repetition of Yoram Aridor's pre- and post-election "correct" and pleasant economic

This way of thinking assumes that the whole body politic has to be away from one big party to the other in order to create a stable government after July 1984. Such a large body of voters could, indeed, be portrayed as a huge unappreciated mass who should be fed on a diet of "easy economics", in line with the saying "Prosperity has many friends and few enemies."

From the Likud's point of view, this means admitting the economy is in a bad shape, owing to some inexorable deterioration. "Yigal Cohen-Orad has just begun to cure our economic malaise (which Aridor wouldn't recognize) and so dear vo-

those innocent souls who demand that a government of national unity be established in Israel had better resign themselves to the fact that this in the present circumstances, is impossible. Unless, that is, the Alignment sees the light and abandons its opposition to the settlement of Jews throughout western Eretz Yisrael, or the Likud abandons its principles and agrees to "freeze" its settlement policy.

There are, however, on the home front crucial, even burning, issues on which, given a proper concern for the public weal, it is feasible for the major parties to cooperate, whatever the result of the approaching elections.

One of them is economic policy. If mutual recriminations are set aside, two facts stand out in stark relief. The first is the absence of any fundamental difference in the promises of the two parties. What differences there could be? They must aim at reducing the rate of inflation, at narrowing the gap in the balance of payments and at keeping unemployment at a minimum; and there is no magic formula for achieving these sometimes clashing purposes.

Alignment spokesmen have, it is true, been trying hard to convey the impression of significant differences (and of "instant" solutions). They claim they will save large amounts of money by "freezing" the settlements in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip. This dramatic assertion—repeatedly—is quite without foundation.

Expenditures on these settlements are relatively insignificant in the total national budget. According to the calculation of Meiron Benvenisti, a pronounced opponent of the government's settlement policy, they probably amount to about one-half of one per cent. Also, part of the money spent today would be spent by any government for infrastructure. Moreover, the Alignment's own policy of settlement beyond the Green Line would, after all, also cost money.

(Shimon Peres, in an interview last week, claimed that most of the 4,000 Jews living in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza district were settled

## Netting the floating voter

By YITZHAK TAUB

ters, please give him the chance to finish the job," they will plead. "Had parliament not been dissolved, we—the Likud—would have made the new policies work and we'd all be prosperous again."

The Alignment, accepting the "mass" premise, will cry wolf and search for Election Economics under every bed. This is another mistaken assumption; that there will be a second attempt in three years to bribe the masses.

Before huge amounts of money and vast energies are expended on advertising agencies and the media, I do hope that the Alignment drops this kind of thinking.

If indeed these elections are decided on economic issues, they will be decided by a marginal movement of voters who understand more or less what it is all about.

TO MY MIND, no hard-core party members will desert their parties over economic issues. But the "floating" voter wants a more intelligent analysis of past mistakes, and clear and convincing answers to the really difficult questions, like: How can the chronic balance of payments deficit be cured? How can we cope with the present runaway inflation without creating more unemployment? How

can public (mainly government) budgets be cut without harming essential services? And so on.

This voter wants to know what the parties' new priorities are. Because, by now, even Ezer Weizman has realized that more than a few corners will have to be cut, and has called for some "national" projects to be abandoned.

It is not enough for a party to state: "We are better". People don't only want to know what the problems are and who is to blame for them; they also want to be shown a way out.

If I am right about the mood of the electorate, and if economic issues do indeed loom large in these elections, here is some free advice for the opposition:

Work out an economic policy that is credible to the floating vote. (It would be lovely to have a new team that is also trustworthy and experienced—but to ask for this is too much in practical political terms.)

The public must be informed frankly that realistic policies are hard to elaborate because of the train of expectations they release the moment they are divulged. Nevertheless, specific priorities must be stated in political terms. What will be cut from the budget? The Lavie

project? the Mediterranean-Dead Sea Canal and power stations, settlements in the occupied territories, free secondary schooling?

Because of great nervousness in the business community, tax and subsidy policies must be stated in general terms. It is assumed by now that there will be some kind of capital erosion in order to decrease the idle riches created during the seven years of Likud rule. (Vide the frank admission to this effect by Haim Kaufman, deputy minister of finance.)

What about long-term individual savings? People fear these will be harmed, after the bank shares scandal.

All these issues and many others must be thought out and stated in enough detail to convince the thoughtful voter who this time will resolve the political issue of who will rule the country for the next four or five years.

According to the polls, the man in the street believes the Alignment is better suited to deal with the economic issues. But I very much doubt whether this will change his voting habits.

Even if he is told by Messrs. Peres, Rabin, Navon, Ya'acobi et al. that the present mess is the outcome of seven years of Likud rule, four different finance ministers and perhaps five or six "new" policies, it is his own personal economic situation and expectations that will largely influence him. I doubt whether he wants to "punish" the government for the new car standing by the kerb, or the video and colour TV in his living room.

For the masses, the past squandering of resources is a theoretical issue, while their undeniably enhanced personal prosperity is very real.

They won't be affected by propaganda on these matters and so, sadly but realistically, I believe that they should be ignored.

TO SUM UP: If (and it is an if for everyone) the next elections centre on, or are strongly influenced by, economic issues, they will be decided by the marginal, more thoughtful voter. The people who gather in city squares to shout "Arik, Arik!" (if they materialize) ignore all national issues and are unsavable.

It is the right-of-centre and centre voters who may change sides (or at least leave the Likud and join centre parties like Shinui or Weizman's Yahad). And if they do change sides, it could well be because of a more sensible and understanding attitude to economics in everyday life.

These people should be forewarned, but not frightened. They may listen to reason; they should be told that the task ahead is an arduous one.

A detailed discussion of economics in the party platforms and campaigning must be directed at them; it must not be postponed. If these people are left wavering, it could be at the cost of an election win.

It will be very sad if the advertising copywriters and brainstormers are allowed to get the upper hand. Slick presentation is the Alignment's last problem; its first is credibility.

I would advocate for a change of policy of frankness and honesty directed at the floating voter and the faithful in the rank and file.

I am sure that even the converted will derive strength from a convincing, realistic policy during the coming campaign. Whatever the polls may say, it won't be a walkover.

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## Dilemma in C. America

By ILANA DEBARÉ

THE RECENT REPORTS of United States efforts to increase Israel's involvement in its Central America policy are an ill omen for Israeli foreign policy—an omen which too many Israelis may choose to ignore or discount.

One major component of Reagan Administration policy in Central America has been the alleged increasing military support for right-wing, repressive allies such as El Salvador and Guatemala, which are unable to hold their own against local insurgencies. The other major component has been the most openly "secret" war in American history against the young government of Nicaragua.

To justify these policies, the Reagan Administration has pointed to the threat of Soviet-Cuban expansion in Central America. Yet these charges have been more of a self-fulfilling prophecy than an accurate historical assessment.

The new Nicaraguan government in 1979 showed a marked determination to diversify its sources of aid—projecting equal assistance from the U.S., Western Europe, the Third World and the Eastern bloc in its economic planning. Only with Reagan Administration efforts to cut off Western aid—such as the 1981 cut-off of all U.S. aid and later efforts to stop international bank loans to the Nicaraguan government—have the Sandinistas turned to the East for greater support.

The roots of the insurgencies in El Salvador and Guatemala, like the Nicaraguan revolt which overthrew the Somoza dictatorship in 1979, lie not in the Soviet machinations described by Reagan but in the long histories of poverty and military repression in those countries.

In El Salvador in the late 1970s, for example, per capita income was under \$700, and over half the population was illiterate.

In 1980, even before the conflict had reached a state of civil war, human rights organizations reported 12,000 people killed—the great majority by the military.

IT IS no wonder that, based on such fundamentally misplaced assumptions, U.S. policy in the region has foundered.

In El Salvador, despite three years of efforts to cut off the supposed inflow of Communist arms to the rebels, no major arms shipments have been intercepted and the guerrillas continue to advance, capturing or buying weapons from the corrupt military. Over \$1 billion in U.S. aid has not halted the rebellion, or even ended the government's human rights abuses.

And in Nicaragua, U.S. funding for the right-wing Contra forces trying to overthrow the government has simply crystallized popular support inside the country around the Sandinista leadership.

Within the U.S., Reagan policy has created significant congressional opposition, as well as a large grassroots movement against "another Vietnam" in Central America.

The level of domestic opposition to U.S. military involvement in Central America already far surpasses opposition to the U.S. presence in Vietnam at a similar stage and level of the war.

WITH THIS domestic pressure, the

Reagan Administration has ample reason to want Israel to take on some of its Central American "dirty work."

And there are precedents for such cooperation—in the late 1970s, when human rights activists pressured President Jimmy Carter to cut off military aid to the Somoza government in Nicaragua, Israel stepped in to fill the gap, providing 98 per cent of the regime's arms in its final months.

In recent years, Israel has maintained a low-profile but has nevertheless allegedly played a significant role in providing arms and advisers to the right-wing governments of El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras.

There are, however, compelling reasons why such involvement in Central America is not in Israel's interests.

Most obvious are the reasons of morality and decency in international affairs. The governments with whom Israel allegedly sells arms in Central America are described universally by human rights organizations, such as Amnesty International, as being among the worst in the world.

In Guatemala, for example, a 1982 "rural pacification" programme by the government included the murder of between 3,000 and 8,000 civilians, mainly poor Indians. Some 500,000 Guatemalans were forced to flee their homes, with over 130,000 crossing the border into Mexico.

Israel needs foreign exchange, but there are times when a dollar is not just a dollar. When it buys mass death, it is not simply a matter of "business as usual."

In realpolitik terms, too, the decision to support these regimes is unwise. While Israel may reap short-term benefits, such as the recent decision by the Salvadoran government to move its embassy to Jerusalem, the longer-term results may prove to be the opposite.

When change does occur—which, given the lack of popular support for these governments and the strength of the opposition forces, seems only a matter of time—the new regimes will be anti-Israel from the start. Israel thus receives two or three years of diplomatic "support"—a generation of hostility from the region's people.

When I visited Nicaragua in 1983, for example, I found that most people knew very little about the Middle East.

Most Nicaraguans had never heard the word "Shalom"—but they remembered the words "Uzi" and "Galil," the Israeli-made weapons that Somoza's troops used in their attacks on Nicaragua's communities.

The questions Israel must face in Central America are not different from those it faces in all of its foreign policy: are all "allies" or "clients" acceptable, morally and strategically?

However, the issue of policy towards Central America is more immediate than some, for Israel today faces the choice of jumping onto a steadily sinking ship—Reagan's military policy in Central America—or keeping a safe distance and charting an independent course through these troubled waters.

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## Room to cooperate

By SHMUEL KATZ

there by the Alignment government. So far no Alignment spokesmen have suggested that "their" Koshers communities would be frozen.

Nor do they take into account the reality that housing suspended beyond the Green Line would have to be provided elsewhere—and, incidentally, elsewhere costs are higher.

In a nutshell, if the Alignment leaders are honestly going further settlement in Judea and Samaria on political ground, they should not confuse the issue by pretending that they are moved by authentic economic concerns.

THE OTHER Alignment claim to a promised saving is more transparently hollow: withdrawal of the IDF from Lebanon.

An Alignment government would face precisely the same dilemma in Lebanon as the Likud. Unless it is prepared demonstratively to expose Galilee to the threat of attack—and is able moreover to persuade the population in Galilee that the threat is not real—it will not be able to withdraw the IDF any earlier than the Likud government. Certainly no significant difference is in the offing.

Indeed the constant harping by Alignment spokesmen on these panaceas only emphasizes the truth—sad though it may be—that they have nothing to offer that is substantially different from Yigal Cohen-Orad's policy. It should not be difficult for them to admit this. After all, the leaders of both parties ask for advice from the same professors of economics.

THE SECOND FACT that stands out in the current debate is the

absence of any reference by either party to one of the central elements in Israel's economic plight. After all, the root cause of our ills is that we are, as a people, consuming more than we are earning. We are producing too little for the standard of living we maintain. The need for all but those in the lowest income brackets to reduce their standard of living and to live within their means, is obvious, but no less urgent is the need to increase Israel's productivity.

The Israeli worker and entrepreneur are no less intelligent or nimble than their European counterparts; but Israeli productivity lags well behind that of Europe. There seems to be no reason why this should be so.

A high national priority should be accorded by the government—whichever party is in power—to a comprehensive and energetic study of the causes of inadequate productivity (by and large) in Israel, and to the application of appropriate remedies. An improvement of 10 per cent in Israel's performance could have far-reaching effects on our economic condition.

BOTH MAJOR parties also neglect the endemic problem of strikes in essential services. Neither party should be allowed to dodge the issue.

Several years ago I asked a leading and highly articulate personality in the Labour Party to explain to me why the party objected to the introduction of compulsory national

arbitration in labour disputes, which cause so much suffering, damage to the economy and tension and conflict within Israeli society. Why, I asked, are Israeli judges, famously so capable of deciding fairly between litigants on every other subject under the sun, deemed inadequate to decide precisely on the relatively simple problems raised in labour disputes. How, I asked, could these strikes be considered a given in society or even socially desirable. Obviously they contain a "hijacking element" with groups saying that if their demands are not met, then the nation's children will get no schooling or the people no radio and television or no air service or having only the dangerously ill receive medical attention.

My highly intelligent Labour Party friend replied in all sincerity: "I haven't got an answer." That is the simple truth.

Yet it is the Labour Party controlling the Histadrut, which has played a major role in the Likud's failure to introduce legislation—which it has promised for years—for arbitration in the essential services. The Likud has culpably allowed its fear of obstruction, sponsored by the Histadrut, to overcome its obligations and the logic of increasingly grave circumstances.

Its fears are moreover unjustified. Given a rational explanation of the feasibility, the fairness and the national need of a system of arbitration, which would eliminate the urge to strike, the vast majority of wage-earners in the services involved (themselves, after all, innocent victims of the various forms of punishment inflicted by the strikes) will welcome such a peaceful and rational solution to their own problems.

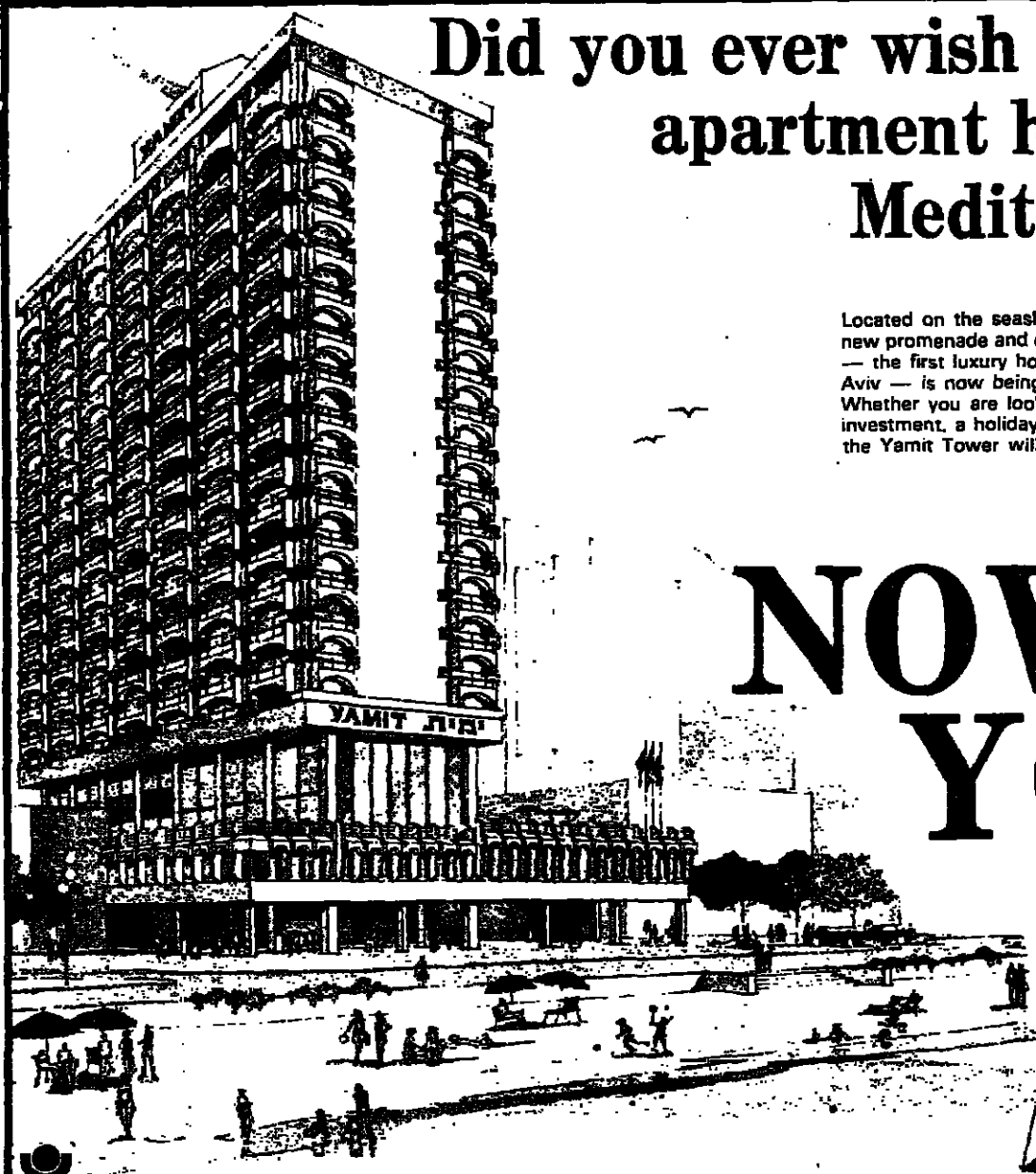
There is every reason, in terms of common sense and for social justice and the national interest, why the major parties should get together to evolve an agreed on formula for a system of compulsory arbitration.

ANOTHER AREA of growing social disorder is the relations between a segment of the Orthodox community and secular Jews. If we are not all to become the victims of an escalation of the problem in all its aspects, it is essential that the two major parties agree on a common policy—to combat violence and provocation, and to prevent extortion.

In the first place it should be understood that violence will be treated with the full severity the law permits—whether its perpetrators are unruly youngsters or learned adults who should know better. On the other hand, the government should ensure that the status quo compromise agreed upon at the establishment of the state be honoured by secular and Orthodox alike—and by the government itself. It is the only available anchor for mutual tolerance. The opposition can play a significant part in educating the public for its maintenance.

Most important, only an understanding between the major parties can put an end to the practice of making concessions outrageous in principle and dangerous to the social fabric, to a small party in return for support of a coalition with a shaky majority. Proposals for legislation should be debated on their merits and decided on by regular parliamentary procedures. Religious questions should be put to a free vote. Persuasion, not a price paid by the government nor a promise of price to be paid by opposition, should govern the results of such a debate.

There are other domestic areas as well that cry out for re-evaluation by the large parties. Surely their leaders must realize that precisely because of the overheated atmosphere in our society, they should, without surrendering their political principles, seek out those areas and cooperate to remove them for the areas of legitimate partisan confrontation.



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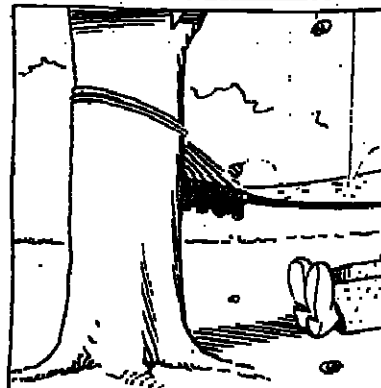
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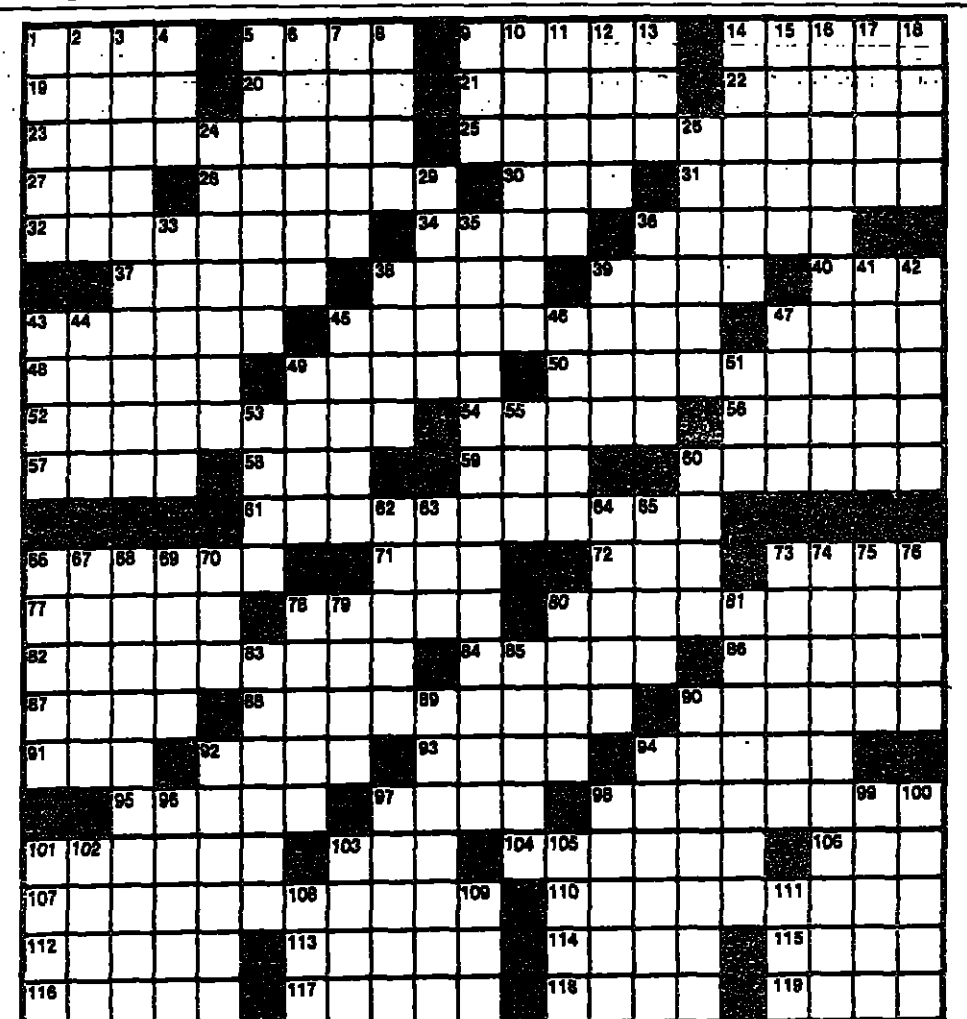
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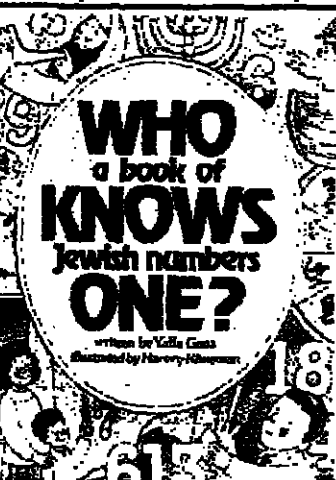
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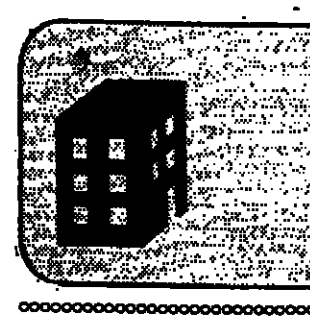
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Kfar Ganim, 1, phone, balconies, cupboards, 3rd floor, immediate, 03-72386.

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Near Hadimah, 3, spacious, available, 100,000. Tel. 03-243350, 02-631457.

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One room flat, kitchen and bathroom, 1 Ben Zachi, Bnei Brak, 784601.

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Ramat Amidar, 2 + hall, expansion possible, preferred terms, 03-59144.

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Kiron, 3 amazingly well arranged, building, 70,000, 03-528580.

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Herzliya Pituah, cottage, 3 bedrooms, basement, extras, 521,000. Tel. 03-528580.

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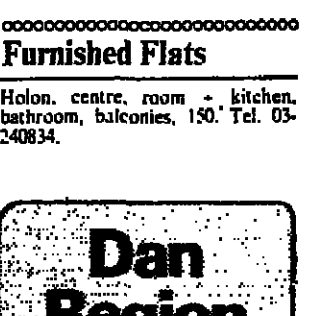
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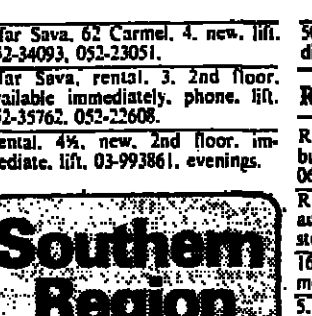
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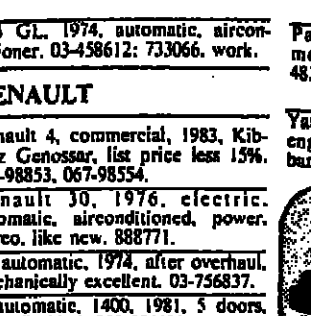
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## RENAULT

Renault 4, commercial, 1983, Kibbutz Gossol, list price less 15%, 067-98833, 067-98534.

## SINCA CHRYSLER

Simca 1100, 1975, 5-door, 65900, from 15,000.

## SUBARU

Automatic, 79, 46,000km, metallic, radio, tape, alarm, 03-528580.

## Opel Rekord

Opel Rekord 71, station, automatic, excellent condition, 03-528580.

## Super Mirafiori

Super Mirafiori 1600, 1979, 57,000km, excellent condition, 03-528580.

## 127, 1981, one owner, from rental

127, 1981, one owner, from rental, 64,000km, immediate, 03-528580.

## 850, 69, needs renovation, bargain















DEPOSED defence minister Ariel Sharon is the epitome of a charismatic leader. Either adored or detested by the masses and by his former fellow army commanders and other politicians, few can manage to remain indifferent to him.

During the 23 months that have elapsed since the beginning of the war in Lebanon, which was to be the jewel in Sharon's crown as defence minister, self-declared Sharon-detesters have nearly all been identified with the left and the mainstream Labour opposition.

But in the wake of the surprisingly strong 42-per-cent vote Sharon won in challenging Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir for the Herut party leadership in the recent session of its Central Committee, expressions of detestation have begun to surface among some Herut regulars too. And some of them would make the "reticence" of many Sharon detractors in Labour circles seem pale.

In informal talks with some members of the Herut Central Committee in the last week or so, I heard the "heresy" more than once. "Better a Labour electoral victory than one by Herut and the Likud led by Sharon." No Herutnik agreed to have such a statement attributed to him. But the sentiment is there.

The fortnight that has passed since that surprise vote has been marked by frenetic activity among the thousand or so Herut politicians who will determine the nature of the party that was created by and belonged to Menachem Begin, until his self-inflicted retirement last August. And this activity will continue during the fortnight that remains until the crucial May 9 Central Committee vote on the composition of Herut's first 35 candidates in the Likud slate for the July elections.

Activity is proceeding largely along "pro-Arik" and "anti-Arik" lines. Most of it is removed from the public eye, being conducted over the telephone, at Herut headquarters in Metzudat Ze'ev in Tel Aviv and the surrounding cafes. Nonetheless, some of the in-house Herut controversy around Sharon has reached the press.

Former cabinet secretary Arye Naor, nephew of David Raziel, an early commander of the Irgun Zvai Leumi underground and one of the major saints in the Herut hagiography, is a self-confessed second-generation disciple of Menachem Begin. Naor, who resigned from his cabinet post under a cloud over a year ago, has come out with a blistering anti-Sharon article in the Hebrew daily *Ha'aretz*.

He spoke openly in an interview of the dangers to Herut, the Likud and the country of a possible takeover of Begin's movement by Sharon and his ilk.

The *Post* also talked to David Magen, the 39-year-old mayor of Kiryat Gat, who was the sole Herut MK to oppose Begin's decision in February 1983 to oust Sharon from the Defence Ministry in the wake of the Kahan Commission findings on the Sabra and Shatilla massacre. Magen is today considered to be the central organizer of the Sharon camp.

Before reporting on these interviews, however, it is interesting to note a sentiment expressed recently by the dean of right-wing ultra-nationalist ideologues, Dr. Israel Eldad, in his regular weekly column in *Ha'aretz*. Eldad, together with Yitzhak Shamir, was a member of the triumvirate which commanded the Lehi terrorist organization which broke away from Begin's Irgun in the 1940s.

# THE SPECTRE OF SHARON

The *Post's* Yosef Goell talks to Herutniks in the wake of the party central committee's crucial leadership vote



David Magen (left), Ariel Sharon, Arye Naor... 'Sharon is the very antithesis of Begin.'

(Auerbach, Nackstrand, Rubinger)

Commenting on the fact that the crucial Central Committee vote was taken on the evening of the PLO bus hijacking to the Gaza Strip, Eldad noted that had the hijacking taken place before the vote, it could have resulted in the shift of sufficient votes to bring Sharon's 42 per cent over the top to a majority.

After praising Sharon for his role in "pacifying" the terror-ridden Gaza Strip in the early 1970s and expressing the hope that Sharon's talents could be used when warranted in other such situations, the former Lehi leader goes on to write: "In no circumstances, however, would I want to see Sharon heading the Likud list at the present time. I

ter appointed Sharon to head the IDF's first effective anti-terrorist Unit 101 in the early 1950s.

ARYE NAOR's opposition to Sharon and his desire to head off the Sharon camp's attempt to take over post-Begin Herut is both ideological and political.

"Sharon is the very antithesis of Begin," he says. "A Sharon Herut will be something very, very different from the Begin Herut which was the heir to Jabotinsky's Revisionist Movement."

But Naor's immediate concern is political.

Why is he so pessimistic and con-

swamp the list with their candidates."

Naor believes that Sharon is preparing for both eventualities, victory and defeat, in the forthcoming elections. "If the Likud loses, Sharon will demand that Shamir be deposed as being responsible for the defeat; if the Likud wins and forms the new government, Sharon will claim credit for the victory and demand total rehabilitation and restoration to the Ministry of Defence."

Sharon has spent a good part of the 15 months since his ouster from the Defence Ministry building up his position in the party. He has crisscrossed Herut's local branches and was one of the few national level politicians to appear in support of local Herut candidates in the last municipal elections. He has thus built up a reservoir of political debts on which he is drawing in the present battle.

Naor believes that Sharon, a master in the use of subterfuge and cunning against the enemy outside, has transferred these tactics to internal party battles.

"You have no idea who Sharon is and what he is capable of, and what may happen to Israel if he takes over," says Naor, who is a second-generation member of the Herut "fighting family." "For many, life won't be worth living here, if that is permitted to happen."

What is Naor's opinion on wishful Labour Party thinking that a Sharon victory in Herut could only aid Labour at the polls? This argument is based on the belief that as many votes as Sharon may attract to Likud from the ultra-nationalist right, he will repel in the centre, which is where the election will be determined, after all.

Naor agrees, but goes on to argue that Sharon would be a great menace, even as leader of a Herut opposition.

Wouldn't Sharon be bored stiff as leader of an opposition and lack the patience to wait for four years or more?

Sharon wouldn't sit still in such an eventuality, Naor believes. He

would lead an opposition that would stop at nothing to undermine the government and grab power.

DAVID MAGEN MK, who in a 45-minute interview in his Kiryat Gat mayor's office took seven or eight phone calls intended to marshal maximum support for Sharon in the crucial fortnight to come, obviously has a very different view of things.

What makes him think that Sharon would make a good PM?

"Have you ever heard me propose Sharon as prime minister?" he retorts. "I believe, however, that the Central Committee vote constituted a long-overdue rehabilitation of

ing exclusively around one prophet: Menachem Begin.

Concerning Sharon, Begin's record is clouded and contradictory. There is no doubt that during his first government, Begin personally denied Sharon the defence portfolio he so coveted. Begin went on record as saying that if Sharon ever got the ministry, one could look forward to his ringing the Knesset and government offices with tanks. Begin later claimed that he had spoken only in jest.

When the Kahan Commission recommended in no uncertain terms that Sharon be fired from his post, Begin dithered for a few weeks and finally won unanimous cabinet sup-

**'Everyone who is the least familiar with the sentiment in the street and homes of Israel knows that Arik is a clear electoral asset.'**

Arik and a rendering of personal justice that was his due, a rectification of a public injustice that was inflicted on the Likud and on the State of Israel for sins they did not commit."

Magen believes that it is unthinkable for the Likud to enter the election campaign without such a rehabilitation of Sharon, the more so as he has become the prime target in the Likud for Labour's arrows.

As to the claim that, in the balance, Sharon will lose the Likud votes, Magen says that people putting forward such arguments are totally divorced from realities in the field. "Everyone who is in the least familiar with the sentiment in the streets and homes of Israel knows that Arik is a clear electoral asset," he asserts.

In the 35 years between its inception in the aftermath of the War of Independence in 1948, and Menachem Begin's dramatic resignation in August of last year, Herut has been a movement revol-

port for depriving Sharon of the defence ministry but retaining him in the cabinet as minister without portfolio.

Sharon then had to leave the post of defence minister to his second-in-command, Ariel Sharon, on the subject of Sharon, as he has been on nearly all other topics. But Begin acolytes speak with different tongues.

Naor, who worked with Begin closely until his own dismissal, has no doubt that Sharon missed not only the cabinet and the Knesset with regard to his plans and the unfolding of events in Lebanon, but Begin too.

"Begin," Naor says, "who has kept silent out of a greatness of spirit which Sharon does not deserve, said during the siege of Beirut, 'I know everything; sometimes beforehand; sometimes after the event.'"

"Had Begin only known everything - all the plans, all the subterfuges, all the provocations - beforehand and not only after the event, everything could have been different. There would not be a contest for the leadership of the party because Begin would have continued to lead it.

"In any event, the delaying of information or its withholding from the prime minister until after the event constitutes an act of subterfuge which was intended to deceive him directly and the entire cabinet indirectly."

"Even if Sharon had emerged as pure as crystal from the Kahan Commission investigation, this deception should have sufficed to relegate him to his tractor seat back on the farm in Sharon's own picturesque phrase - and deny his claims to new political crowns," Naor claims heatedly.

Magen claims that Begin was forced to fire Sharon because of "coalition pressures." He adds, "I have had the privilege of hearing Begin's very personal comments on the findings of the Kahan Commission. I know that he expressed himself with warmth and admiration for Arik. I believe that in time Begin will give public expression to these sentiments (which I am honour-bound to keep in my heart until he sees fit to express them himself)."

WHAT IS QUITE clear is that Herut in which Arik Sharon won 42 per cent vote for the leadership, very different kettle of fish from Begin Herut, which in turn and especially in its seven years in power was very different from the original Jabotinsky Revisionist Movement.

When Arye Naor bemoans the fact that Sharon is the very antithesis of Begin, he goes on to explain that for Begin the entire nationalist philosophy of the movement was based on a deep conviction that "our right makes might." For Sharon, he says, "power is what it's all about and with him might makes right."

Some observers claim that the change in post-Begin Herut is largely a matter of the party's ethnic metamorphosis, from what was originally Israel's most "Polish" party, to that is populated mostly by up and coming local pols originating in North African and other Moslem countries.

But all the people I spoke to in Herut, whether pro- or anti-Sharon, deny any correlation between ethnicity and support for or opposition to Arik. And I found quite a number of non-Sephardim among the Sharon forces huddling in the upper floors of party headquarters.

Some astute observers in Herut advance another thesis: that there is a very definite correlation between a large part of that pro-Arik 42 per cent, and the 30 per cent or so of respondents in recent public opinion polls who came up with very anti-democratic attitudes.

Arik Sharon is basically attractive to that not insignificant number of Israelis who are looking for quick and simple solutions to complex questions. Arik, like former Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan (who, detestant even for personal reasons going back to the 1950s and Anti-terror Unit 101) are both examples of *zheng vegamarnu* school (the Big Bang Solution to problems big and small).

As the Knesset proves itself more and more feeble in dealing with Israel's problems and the cabinet itself proves little better, more and more Israelis who are just coming into their own politically are responding to the allure of a strong man with simple but "effective" solutions.

The fiasco of Arik's Lebanon, has not changed their minds; but response is that "traitors did not permit Arik to finish the job."

Whether the Sharon forces actually gain control of Herut in the next fortnight or not, the issue that their champion has come to personify will in all likelihood dominate the election campaign.



## UNION BANK OF ISRAEL LTD. בנק אגוד לישראל בע"מ

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### CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET

As at 31st December 1983 (in thousands IS)

	1983	1982*
Capital, Reserves and Retained Earnings	1,601,500	887,686
Capital Notes	538,850	170,252
Deposits	130,194,899	48,083,328
Deposits for the Granting of Loans	18,924,466	7,228,378
Other Accounts	277,741	165,698
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>151,537,456</b>	<b>56,535,342</b>

Liabilities on Account of Customers - Documentary Credits, Guarantees and other Liabilities	7,190,408	2,052,471
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	1983	1982*
Cash and Balances with Bank of Israel and Banking Institutions	84,744,091	33,156,369
Securities	2,018,067	1,088,380
Loans and Bills Discounted	44,004,824	14,538,754
Loans out of Deposits for the Granting of Loans	18,706,270	7,189,162
Other Accounts	1,922,766	476,393
Bank Premises and Equipment	141,438	86,284
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>151,537,456</b>	<b>56,535,342</b>

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### CONDENSED PROFIT AND LOSS

For the Year ended 31st December 1983 (in thousands IS)

	1983	1982
Operating Profit, before Taxation	755,468	696,810
Provision for Taxes on Income	(260,501)	(363,860)
Current Taxes	214,843	152,860
Future Tax Benefits		
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>709,810</b>	<b>485,810</b>

(\*) Reclassified

The audited annual report is available to the public in all branches of the Bank. A copy will be supplied upon request.



THE ISRAEL SINFONIETTA BEERSHEBA

Music Director: Mendi Rodan

Paul Tortelier Conductor-Cellist

Maria de la Puente, Piano

### An Evening of French Music

Works by Tortelier, Fauré, Saint-Saëns, Bizet

BEERSHEBA	Conservatory Hall April 29, 30, May 2, 7
JERUSALEM	Jerusalem Theatre Tuesday, May 1
TEL AVIV	Tel Aviv Museum in collaboration with Tel Aviv Museum Thursday, May 3
EIN HASHOFET	Tuesday, May 8
KFAR SABA	Heichal-Hatarbut Wednesday, May 9

Tickets at box offices.

**CHILDREN SHOULD BE SEEN AND NOT HURT.**



## Price drops continue on low turnover

**TEL AVIV.** — Prices continued to tumble yesterday as the depressing news of the bad financial year of the commercial banks (except First International) began to sink in. And the gloomy feeling was reinforced by news that the insurance companies were also expected to report disastrous results in elementary insurance, especially in the coverage of cars against theft, damage and liability.

With the single exception of the "arrangement" shares, which remained firm in nominal terms, all other major categories, apart from industrial, fell in price.

Many shares fell by 10 per cent. A full 164 fell by 5 per cent or more, of which 34 were "sellers only." As for shares rising by 5 per cent or more, there were only 18, and only three were "buyers only."

It should be noted that devaluation has not kept up — so far, at least — in the index this month. The minimum "prediction" for the rise in the

### Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

BY MACABEE DEAN

index for April is 18 per cent; so far this month, the shekel has been devalued by only 16 per cent.

To bring devaluation up to the index, another 2 per cent devaluation must take place. And this must be done on Monday (since there is no publication of rates on Sunday, because the banks in Europe are closed this day).

The General Share Index, without commercial banks, fell by 0.98 per cent, with certain categories, such as oil exploration and land development falling by 4.57 and 4.80 per cent.

The turnover in shares (and options) was only IS\$20.4 million, and the "thinness" of the market can be

seen by the fact that Levinstein ISS fell by 27 per cent on a turnover of only IS\$27,700. Translated into dollars, this a turnover of \$1,840. And there were many more examples of small offerings leading to big drops. For example, Dexter lost 14.7 per cent on turnover of only IS\$14,800, which translated into dollars is only \$950.

The index for bonds rose by 0.85 per cent, and this is above the devaluation of the shekel. The biggest gains of 2 per cent, were made by 100 per cent linked paying 4 per cent interest.

Eskhet yesterday announced that it had already sold \$91,626 units, or 59.6 per cent of its \$161m. "R & D" emission, and had already received \$37m. The shares can be bought at the issue price until the end of June, but those who buy them before the end of the current month can have them considered on account of the 1983-84 income tax statement. The issue provides considerable tax benefits to those in the high income bracket.

Arad Investments and Industrial Development plans to set up a company to represent BMW vehicles in Israel. This company may be set up together with other investors, but 51 per cent of the equity will be held by Rascos (Arad's parent company), and the total investment will be about \$3m. The annual sales of vehicles is expected to be about \$40m. (including taxes and customs duties).

Sahar Development and Investments will vote at its ordinary annual meeting on May 30 to increase its registered capital from IS\$500m. to IS\$1,000m.

Ben-Yakar Gat will distribute 100 per cent bonus shares on May 8.

North American Bank will distribute 150 per cent bonus shares on May 8.

First International announces that following its 55 per cent bonus share allocation earlier this month, its total amount of shares (both ISS and ISS) now stands at IS\$4,558,123,620 (nominal value).

Elgar Investments reports an inflation adjusted loss of IS\$73m. for 1983, compared to an adjusted profit of IS\$2.6m. for 1982.

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N. American 4	4211 58 -75 -1.8
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Danot 1	356 161 -63 -15.0
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## Hurtful talk

IT WAS EXOTIC, if not disingenuous, of the Israel Government to expect that the nascent normalization with Egypt would flourish while the war in Lebanon raged. Israel's relations with much older and closer friends suffered severely during that dark period, and have recovered only slowly and partially.

But recover they did, especially after the men who had been the architects of the war were displaced at the helm of government in Jerusalem.

With Egypt there has been no recovery, but rather the reverse. Having reduced the normalization to a veritably irreducible minimum, the Egyptians have firmly tied it to that rock-bottom level.

Their stated conditions for an improvement – the return of their ambassador would be the symbol of a more general thaw – seem calculated to ensure that it does not happen, at least in the foreseeable future. They demand not only withdrawal from Lebanon, but radical progress on the Palestinian problem and an agreement on Taba. Logically these latter two ought to be the subjects of a resumed dialogue, not the prerequisites for its resumption.

On the practical plane, the harsh freeze in relations is at present being enforced with positive pettiness in the crowded waters of the Bay of Eilat. Israel's official regrets over a local hotelier's partisan salvaging of his sunken yacht in Egyptian waters have fallen on deaf ears in Cairo. And now Israeli pleasure-craft are persistently harassed by the Egyptian navy as they ply their innocent passage around the Coral Island.

Egypt apparently feels that its reconciliation with the Arab world is best served by keeping its ties with Israel demonstratively deep-frozen. Egyptian policy-makers ignore convincing evidence that this is not necessarily so. The Cairo-Baghdad rapprochement began before the recall of the ambassador from Tel Aviv. Iraq's urgent need for support in its war with Iran easily overcame any reservations about Egypt's peace with Israel.

More important, however, this inverse linkage by Cairo of its relations with Israel to its relations with the Arab world inevitably erodes the Israel public's perception of the peace with Egypt as an eventual catalyst for comprehensive peace. This was a point well made yesterday in a newspaper article by a former key figure in the peace process, Aluf (res.) Avraham Tamir.

Mr. Tamir, now a key figure in Mr. Ezer Weizman's new party, bemoaned, too, the dearth of person-to-person contacts and confidence in the present post-Sadat, post-Begin government-to-government relationship. Given the tenor of recent public pronouncements by Prime Minister Shamir, and more especially by Defence Minister Arens, Mr. Tamir did not need to labour the point that neither of these men initially supported the Camp David accords and the peace treaty.

The ominous development now, however, is that top-level public pronouncements – in Jerusalem and in Cairo – are straying beyond the vexed arguments over normalization. There were deliberately dramatized charges by Mr. Ariel Sharon that Egypt had violated the limited-forces provisions in Sinai. Instead of seeking to resolve the matter discreetly, through the good offices of the Multinational Force or the United States, Mr. Arens allowed himself to be prodded into making similar pronouncements of his own.

Mr. Arens also reacted preemptively – and prematurely – to an unsubstantiated report that the Egyptian and Syrian ministers of defence had met in secret. He gratuitously speculated on American television about Egypt's likely alignment in case of a future conflagration in the North. His statements naturally triggered ominous-sounding rejoinders from his Egyptian opposite number. And now Foreign Minister Ali has weighed in with some tough remarks of his own.

These exchanges have touched upon what Mr. Begin was wont to call, not without good reason, the "soul" of the peace treaty: Egypt's commitment to peace with Israel in the face of its Arab military alliances.

This "soul," because it is unprotected by layers of normalization, is too vulnerable, and too crucial, to be exposed to this sort of ill-advised riposting.

The rhetorical deterioration has gone far enough.

## POSTSCRIPTS

**WOMEN** forge their passports more frequently than men do, usually changing their date of birth, the commander of the Ben-Gurion Airport police told us recently.

"Practically every day we have such a case," Sgan-Nitzav Arie-Bibi said.

In one instance, a sweet-looking divorcee was stopped on her way abroad to remarry. She feared that if her prospective husband knew she was born in 1939, he would cancel

the wedding. So before going to the airport she took a razor blade and scratched the figure "3" from her year of birth, and inserted the figure four to make herself 10 years younger.

Inspector Shlomo Ayalon, an investigations officer who had handled the case, said the woman looked younger than her real age but the change was not "artistic enough" and the woman was detained.

Several weeks ago police caught a man in a very respectable position who had changed his birth date from 1935 to 1938. It was also a story connected with divorce and remarriage, Ayalon said. And sometimes people forge their dates of birth to qualify for the youth fares.

When people without criminal records are caught they are usually in a state of shock as police take their fingerprints and open a criminal file. But seasoned criminals remain nonplussed; they know the offence does not carry a heavy sentence, Ayalon added.

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## Rosa Hubner

Does anybody know the whereabouts of Rosa Hubner, daughter of Stanislaw Hubner, born in Warsaw about 1910. Rosa sang in the opera choir of the Jewish Kulturverband in Berlin in 1933. She married a Danish Jew in 1934, and settled in Paris the same year. Please contact Pundak, Tel Aviv, Tel. 03-256095.

BOTH SYRIA and the Soviet Union know that Israel has no intention of launching a strike against Syria. The Syrians may not have a good air force, and their battle-management tactics may not be the best; but intelligence about what is going on in eastern Lebanon and on the Golan they do have, and they know there has been no significant build-up of forces there – Syrian or Israeli. In fact, military activity in the Bekaa Valley this past month has been minimal, the tedium along the line being punctuated only by the preparations of both armies to move from a winter to a summer deployment.

Why, then, did the Syrians, and later the Soviet Union, cause near international panic this past week by crying wolf?

There are many explanations. One is Syria's internal situation. President Assad is hoping that fear of an outside threat will be enough to quell the power struggle that is becoming more bitter and more dangerous with each passing day.

Or Assad could be using the threat of war in eastern Lebanon in an attempt to unite the warring factions in western Lebanon – which have been taking far too long to come to workable agreement ensuring a modicum of stability in the country – while at the same time leaving Damascus firmly holding the strings that make the Jemayel government dance.

The Soviet Union may have joined the chorus to divert international attention from its recent offensive in Afghanistan to the Syrian-Israeli front.

The theories are endless, and there is probably an element of truth in all of them. Syria's main rationale for verbally heating up a militarily tranquil situation, however, was born of a growing fear that Israel intends to retaliate against terrorist objectives on Syrian territory.

THE WHOLE world has been waiting for some Israeli reaction to the hijacking of the Egged bus by four terrorists near Ashkelon two weeks ago. The fact that there has been none shows that the defence planners must be considering their strategy. Israeli leaders have made no bones about the fact that they consider Syria directly responsible for terrorist activities in this country and have warned explicitly that Syria must be prepared to pay the penalty. In other words, Israeli retaliation against targets on Syrian soil is no longer outside the realm of the acceptable.

## KARAMEH WILL TRY

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"It is the first step in the 1,000-mile trek toward Lebanon's salvation," said a statement issued by the senior Jemayel, who is 77.

But Fadi Frem, commander of the Phalange-dominated Lebanese Forces militia charged that Karameh's cabinet would be influenced by Syria and that he would oppose it.

His opposition will be political unless the new cabinet tries to disarm his militia or close Israel's liaison office in East Beirut's Dbayeh neighbourhood, said Frem, whose militia has received arms and training assistance from Israel.

Frem's statements to Western reporters and Beirut newspapers in the last two days suggest he is on a collision course with the Phalange political leadership.

Meanwhile, about 1,800 Lebanese policemen and army conscripts have been deployed in buffer zones along the Green Line between Christian East and mostly Moslem West Beirut, and in the southern suburbs and around the mountaintop town of Souk el-Gharb overlooking the capital.

Despite daily breaches of the latest ceasefire, police said the disengagement had brought about a marked decrease of mid-city hostilities and artillery attacks on residential neighborhoods.

Police records show nine persons were killed and 85 wounded in the eight days that followed the proclamation of the ceasefire on April 18, a relatively low weekly toll compared to much of the time since the war first broke out in 1975.

## ISRAELI AID

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South Asian Affairs Richard Murphy.

Kimche has scheduled additional meetings with Admiral Jonathan Howe, director of the department's political/military affairs bureau and the chief U.S. delegate to the strategic cooperation talks with Israel.

Kimche was also to meet with the senior Latin America and Africa specialists at the State Department. Just before Kimche's arrival yesterday, the State Department reiterated its position that Israel would have to withdraw from West Bank and Gaza territory as part of any peace settlement.

Reacting to a highly publicized study released this week by Jerusalem's former deputy mayor, Meron Benvenisti, the State Department issued the following statement: "We do not believe it is too late for a negotiated resolution of the conflict based on Israel's return of territory in exchange for a just and durable peace. To this end, we remain committed to the position set forth in the president's September 1, 1982, peace initiative.

"As the president stated, it is the U.S. position that in return for peace, the withdrawal provision of UN Security Council Resolution 242 applies to all fronts, including the West Bank and Gaza."

Thus, Kimche clearly did not spend all of his time simply discussing the Third World aid cooperation schemes. He also reviewed the overall peace process and the situation in Lebanon, especially the Syrian stance there.

There was a full discussion of Israel's security arrangements in South Lebanon, an Israeli official said.

Other Israeli officials said he also expressed Israel's mounting concern over the worsening state of relations with Egypt and the "centrality" of the PLO's role in world terrorism.

Joining Kimche at the State Department were Ambassador Meir Rosenne, embassy minister

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# Dangerous rhetoric

By HIRSH GOODMAN

While such a development could constitute a significant step along the path to eventual confrontation between the two countries, Assad understands that Israel may have no alternative if terror continues. He understands that the incumbent Israeli government has to stymie terror if it is to have any credibility in an election campaign in which the war in Lebanon will be a central issue.

Assad also knows what western intelligence sources have been predicting for some time: that the next two months are going to witness a strenuous effort by the PLO to launch as many spectacular terror acts inside Israel as possible, and that eventual Israeli retaliation is as certain as anything can be in the Middle East.

Uncharacteristically, Assad has found himself between the devil and the deep blue sea, leaving him little choice but to try to deter Israel from making any escalating moves by focusing world attention on the region, hoping that this will generate restraining pressure by the West. Crying wolf, in fact, was his only option, since he could neither restrain the PLO he had been so instrumental in radicalizing, nor make a military threat formidable enough to deter an Israeli strike.

The military consequences of an Israeli strike against terrorist targets in Syria could be profound for Assad and the Soviet Union, who together have invested a great deal in rebuilding Syria's air defence system. If Israeli bombers were to penetrate the newly-laid screen, containing the Soviet Union's most sophisticated anti-aircraft missiles, with impunity, rent credibility would be significant.

SYRIA'S MILITARY have not been tested since the opening stages of the Lebanon war. Since 1982, the Syrian army has been undergoing

organizational and structural changes, new equipment replacing old, and new doctrine being drummed into the armed forces in a recent series of large-scale exercises that have been impressive in both scope and quality.

The core of the Syrian military structure, however, is its air defence system. Unless the Syrians can overcome Israel's air superiority, Syria will be in serious military trouble if a conflict should break out along the current lines of deployment in the Bekaa and on the Golan, from which Damascus is vulnerable on two fronts.

Since the Syrian air force remains generations behind Israel's, the only air defence system it has is on the ground. If this were shown to be ineffective despite the tremendous

## READERS' LETTERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, – In Mark Segal's interview with me (April 13), certain points were insufficiently highlighted and for some readers this might convey a different concept to that intended.

When I referred to the target of obtaining a stable and lasting peace, I did so in contrast to an unstable peace based on security borders which need defending. Obviously, it is preferable to live in unstable peace than at war, because it offers the basis for future developments. Peace with Egypt, for example, is developing on the basis of viable security arrangements. In this respect, it may be noted that the United States maintains security arrangements across the globe with the Soviet Union. Stable peace which prevents hostile acts will mean that borders are open between the countries concerned and do not need to be defended actively, but become matters for administration only. In order for Israel to achieve that aim with all its neighbours, the peaceful relationship should be anchored in a common regional economic market and a regional strategic security framework. These will ensure the peacefulness of the common boundaries.

Peace with Egypt was a historic achievement, and it teaches us that, as long as we base ourselves on a security border, it holds potential dangers in store. I would also like to point out that, at present, any Arab country which seeks peace with Israel will have to face threats from the rejectionist regimes, including economic sanctions. This has been true for Egypt, which has endeavoured ever since to demonstrate its fidelity to the Arab world. I consider that the American presence and the role of the U.S. as peace-maker prevent war and further peace in the region.

However, the situation along the eastern front is quite different from that in the south. As things have developed in Jordan and Syria – the main powers to the east – the strategic advantages of the 1967 boundaries have been cancelled out by these countries' acquisition of long-range sophisticated weaponry, especially land to land missiles. Hence, in my view, these conditions must mean that we cannot afford to base our future relations with these two countries on the concept of security borders. This could be much more dangerous in a situation of unstable peace. I believe that the international boundaries between

investment made in missiles over the past two years, the implications are obvious.

Moreover, the Soviets themselves have an unprecedented stake in the credibility of the system, having deployed Sam-5s on the outskirts of Damascus, manned not by Syrian crews, but exclusively by the Russians themselves.

There is little doubt among Israeli military planners that both the Soviet Union and the Syrians would like to avoid any test of strength. But there is also a realization that, once the cycle of violence gets into gear, there is no knowing where action and reaction may end. Too often in this region, what started out as verbal bellicosity has ended as a clash of divisions on the battlefield.

Israel does not want war with Syria. If anything, the government would like nothing more than to be able to reach some agreement in the next few weeks that would allow a pullback in Lebanon before the elections, and hopefully, also a prisoner exchange.

THAT NEITHER side wants war is no guarantee that war is not possible. One way confrontation can be prevented is if Syria chooses to stand by and allow Israel to violate its territorial integrity in a response to terror – if terror occurs at anything approaching the levels the experts

are predicting. Another is for Assad to control the PLO. A third is for Israel not to retaliate.

None of these options seems viable, and because there is very little middle ground between them, there is a very real danger that the show of last week could escalate into military tension, possibly even limited confrontation, in the coming weeks. Though as yet there have been no moves on the ground, no more forces injected into the potential battlefield, the machinery of crisis and tension is in gear, and the region as volatile as this, sparks should be avoided – even verbal ones.

Also, the absence of military developments on the ground while verbal confrontations have been taking place is no guarantee that a clash is not imminent. The transition from talking to fighting is a sudden one – usually instinctive rather than reasoned. The more the chances of war are bandied about by governments trying to send messages, the more probable war becomes; and while the tanks may not yet have moved one inch, unless words become a medium for conciliation rather than for setting the stage for possible confrontation, the guns could start pounding sooner than we know, and without any of the parties involved wanting the simmering pot to boil over.

## MORE ON PEACE POSSIBILITIES

Israel and those two neighbouring countries can only be considered viable on the premise of a comprehensive and stable peace settlement. This in turn would consolidate the relationship with Egypt. I repeat that such a settlement should be based on a common economic and defence framework.

The question may be asked, and what if they refuse? In that case, I would reply that it is important to clarify that such a target is our aim and to make it crystal clear that it is our condition for any possible territorial arrangements. In this matter, the U.S. can play a central role by initiating a regional solution premised on a regional framework in which it is a partner.

Any permanent border between Israel and Jordan must be determined under conditions of permanent peace only. This will provide the basis for determining by mutual consent the permanent status of Judea, Samaria and Gaza on the basis of the autonomy scheme agreed upon in the Camp David framework agreements. As regards the permanent status of these territories, it should be part of a common framework of Jordan and Israel with full cooperation between the two countries concerning internal affairs, including the economic and

internal security of these territories. I also wish to point out that, on all occasions, I have emphasized that Jerusalem remains indivisible. I would also like to go on record with my view that, just as Arabs can live freely in territory under Israeli control, so Jews should be able to live equally freely on Arab-controlled land.

In my eyes, the autonomy scheme is an interim arrangement aimed at creating the conditions for a permanent settlement. The trouble is that we find ourselves in an unstable situation, with no consensus among Jews or Arabs as to the final shape of the settlement. Hence the need to allow the time factor to work. Any aspiration to durable peace must first and foremost involve the cultivation of good neighbourly relations between Israelis and Palestinian Arabs, without immediately delineating the nature of the eventual permanent settlement. Hence I oppose territorial arrangements that only involve shifting from one security border to another. For I fervently believe that a durable and lasting peace with our neighbours will be achieved only with permanent borders.

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Tel Aviv.

## CHILDREN DEPORTED FROM IZIEU

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, – About one year ago, you were kind enough to come to our aid in the preparation of the trial of Klaus Barbie by publishing a list of children deported from the orphanage at Izieu on his orders, from whom we sought members of the family. The announcement in The Jerusalem Post yielded very important results and to date, we have succeeded in locating family members for more than 30 of these children.

We were not successful in locating family members of the following seven children: Hans Ament, born in Austria, or possibly Amante; whose grandparents may have been Max and Ernestine Ament; May and Armand

Teitelbaum, born in Holland to Jankel and Sefa Silberberg. Teitelbaum; Otto Wertheimer, also known as Octave Verneil; Suzanne Szuklapper, daughter of Tauba Klinger of Poland, whose cousin was Chaya Szuklapper; Ziegmond Zuckerberg, born in Satara Wies, Poland, to Ceria Rosenfeld-Zuckerberg, of Poland; Liliane Gerenstein, born of Chapsa Gerenstein and Chendia Entine of Odessa.

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